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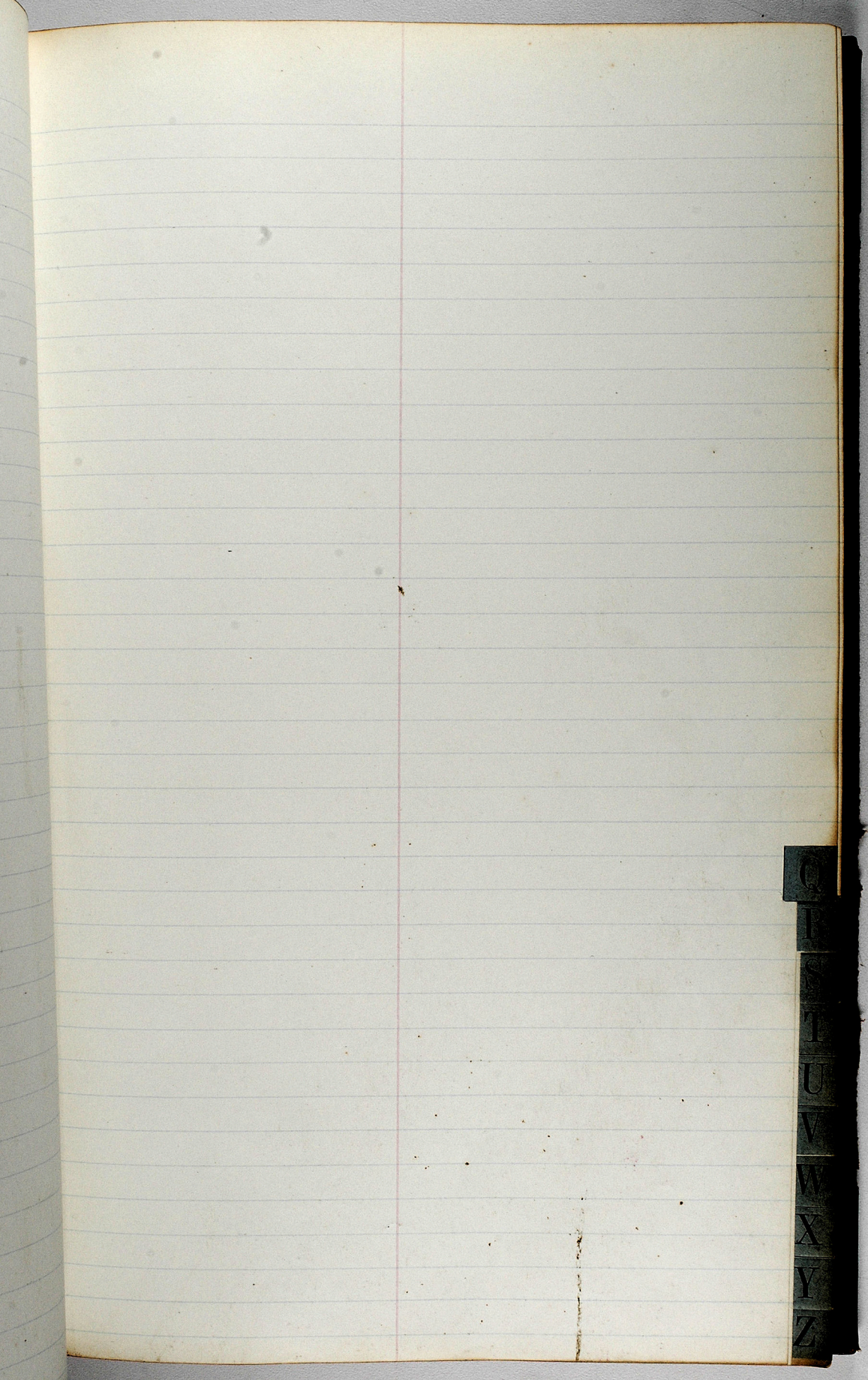
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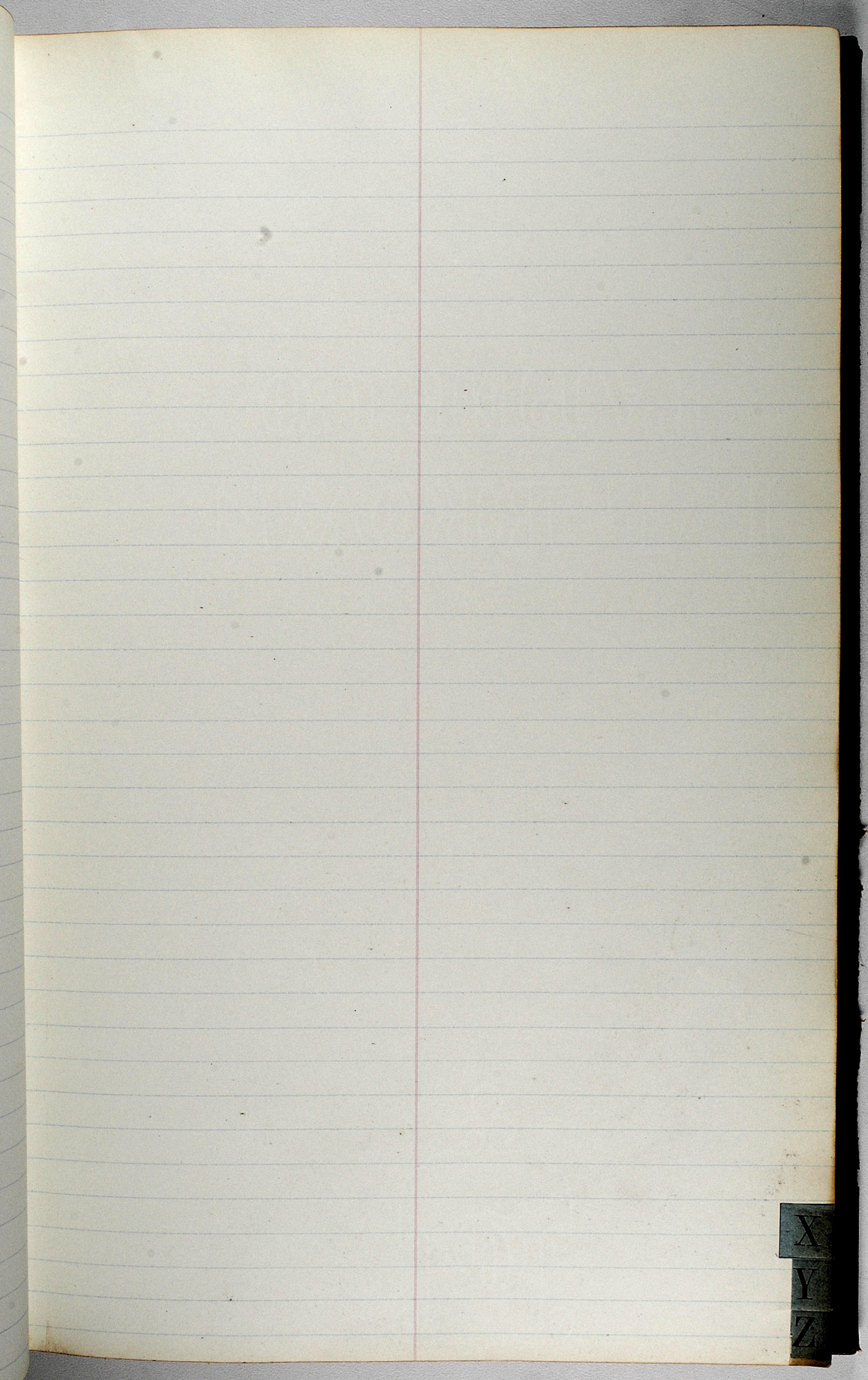
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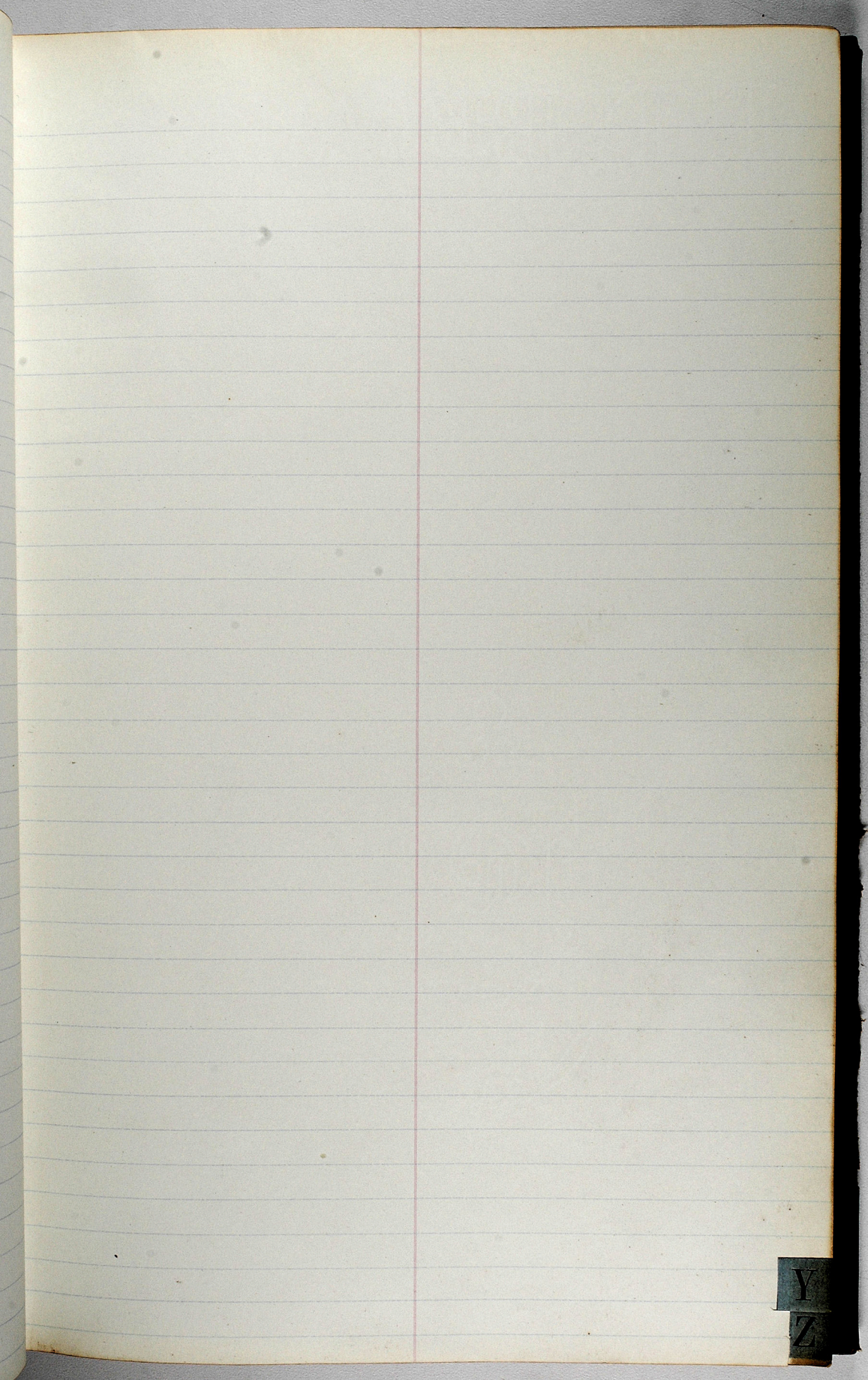
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Telegram.

E. O. Leach.

August 16. 1882.

Care U. S. Mint. New Orleans.

Have no record of assay coins sent Philadelphia first quarter; you can take amount from books. Transfer to Bullion fund since July first one hundred fourteen thousand seven hundred forty seven dollars, sixty four cents and transfer from same one hundred forty three thousand dollars. Davis should forward check to Treasurer for balance to his credit, at New York, charging same in his accounts as a transfer of funds.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram.

E. O. Leach.

August. 16. 1882.

U. S. Mint New Orleans.

Gold Bullion thirty four hundred and six and four hundred and sixteen thousandth ounces standard silver Bullion six hundred and sixteen thousand four hundred and eighty seven and twenty four hundredth ounces standard.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

August 16. 1882.

U. S. Mint Denver.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for payment from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint the account of the Republican, Denver for advertising proposals for supplies amounting to \$12.60 as approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint

August 16. 1882.

Philadelphia

Sir.

✓ Enclosed please find copy of letter of George Cypher Asst.

Treas. U.S. addressed to Hon Chas. J. Folger Secretary of the Treasury dated Aug 11th 1882, Philadelphia Penn. and referred to me for report.

I would thank you to inform me, when you will be able to procure within mentioned minor coins.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Pruton.

Acting Director.

Capt. U. S. Mint.

August 16, 1882,

New Orleans.

Sir;

Please cause a report of the coins reserved for Annual Assay from the coinage of the quarter ended Feb 31st last to be sent to this office.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Pruton.

Acting Director.

Capt. U. S. Mint.

August 16, 1882,

San Francisco.

Sir;

Enclosed please find approved original and duplicate copies of agreements with the Mutual Ice Company of your city to furnish ice, and with John Barton to furnish rock salt during the current fiscal year.

The triplicates I will retain on file in this office.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Pruton.

Acting Director.

Capt. U. S. Mint.

August 16, 1882,

San Francisco.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day. viz.

25 official bonds.

50 affidavits of solvency.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Telegram

Anglo Californian Bank

San Francisco.

August 17. 1882.

Your offer accepted.

R. C. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Similar telegram to.

Telegram

Bank of California

San Francisco.

Daniel Meyer.

San Francisco. ✓

Telegram

Preston & Colorado Smelting Co.

Denver Col.

August 17. 1882.

Your offer accepted at one hundred and fourteen and sixty two hundredths for New Orleans.

R. C. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director. ✓

Telegram

Naudy & Cronin

24 Nassau Street, New York.

August 17. 1882.

Your offer of three hundred thousand accepted all for Phila.

R. C. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director. ✓

Lupt. Mint. U. S.

Carson City, Nev.

August 17. 1882.

Sir,

C/S No 124 for \$1630.71 being on account of Refinery earnings recd July 1882 enclosed in your communication of the 7th inst. has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount ✓

to be covered into the Treasury, to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting and Refining bullion".

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge, Assay Office,
Helena Montana.

August, 17, 1882.

Sir,

C/O. No 43, for \$156.00 being an account of charges for immaterial assays 2nd quarter 1882 enclosed in your communication of the 28th ultimo has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury. no personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Capt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

August 17, 1882.

Sir,

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of August, 1882 has been approved for the sum of \$6300.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year viz;

Salaries	1882.	<u>\$ 3300.</u>
Wages of workmen		<u>2100.</u>
Contingent Expenses		<u>900.</u>
Parting & Refining bullion.		<u>7000</u>

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Rept. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

August, 17, 1882.

Sir;

Purchases of Silver bullion, have been made this day at the department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named which you will receive and pay for as may be preferred either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars to wit of—

Nandy & Cronin 300,000 ounces at 1.14 62.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Wm. Ralston Balch.

427 Walnut St.

Philadelphia.

August, 17, 1882.

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 16th inst. I send you by current mail proof sheets of the Director's report on the production of the precious metals in the United States. This is complete except the introduction which you have had, and the portion relating to New Mexico, which at present I am unable to furnish.

I regret that I have not been able to send you this proof at an earlier date as promised. I have been unable to procure an extra copy of the proof from the Government Printing Office, and this is the only copy in my possession which has not been in use in the preparation of an index for the report, and not yet completed.

I send a portion—that relating to Idaho, Montana, and Utah—in galley which is the best I can do.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco.

August 17, 1882.

Sir;

I enclose herewith with my approval articles of agreement between the firm of Judson and Shepard and yourself for the supply of acid for the use of your Mint during the present fiscal year. I have also approved the bond of the firm and return same for file in your office.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
New Orleans.

August 17, 1882.

Sir;

Purchases of silver bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York payable in silver dollars to wit of -
Baker & Colorado Smelting Co. 35,000 ounces at 1.1462

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram

Supt. Mint
San Francisco.

August 17, 1882.

Receive from Daniel Meyer, seventy thousand ounces at one hundred fourteen and forty nine hundredths.

From Bank of California sixty thousand, and from Anglo Californian one hundred and fifty thousand, both at one hundred and fifty hundredths.

Edw. H. Eckfeldt

Confirmed.

For Acting Director.

Telegram.

N. R. Balch

August, 18, 1882.

427 Walnut St Philadelphia.

You can cut proofs.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

August 18, 1882.

Carson Nevada.

Advance purchasing rate of Silver to one hundred fourteen and four tenths cents per ounce fine.

R. C. Preston

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Similar Telegram to.

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

San Francisco. ✓

Chief Auditor.

August 18, 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Auditing Refining and Standard Silver dollar Ex Accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans for the month ending June 30th 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of adjournment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

August, 18, 1882.

Charlotte N. C.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 16th instant, in reference to Assayer's Memorandum books. I desire to say that your requisition for this form has not yet been filled. But I forward to you by to day's mail a blank book from the Stationery Division, Treasury Department, which you may be able to

use as a substitute until the others are received.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.

August 18, 1882.

New York.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your final Ordinary Expense Account Abstracts and vouchers, for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1882.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.

August 18, 1882.

New York.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refining Expense Accounts with Abstracts and vouchers, for the month ending July 31st 1882.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

August 18, 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Refining & Silver dollar expense accounts for the month ending June 30th 1882 with my approval except voucher #220 in which an overcharge of 46^{cs} occurs which amount is disapproved.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Capt. U. S. Mint.
New Orleans.

August, 18, 1882.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 8th inst. transmitting corrected papers pertaining to your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of June 1882, your attention is called to the fact that voucher belonging to voucher #208 was not returned. I will thank you to forward it without delay.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Capt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

August, 18, 1882.

Sir:

In reply to your telegram of current date in regard to draft for monthly expenses, I have to say that the same will be transmitted you by tomorrow's mail, it being impossible to get it through to day.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Henry D. Whipple Esq.
Star Bary Co.
Mission.

August, 18, 1882.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 14th inst. I have to state that the charge for making assays of mineral specimens is three dollars for each assay.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Telegram.

E. C. Luch U. S. Mint.

August 19, 1882.

New Orleans.

Treasurer refuses to transfer St Louis gold by wire. Let Smyth give Davis a separate receipt for the same and hold the amount until he receives a transfer order from the Treasurer.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

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Telegram.

E. C. Luch. U. S. Mint.

August 19, 1882.

New Orleans.

Smyth's Bond approved deliver Commission.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

✓

Assayer in Charge.

August 19, 1882.

Charlotte N. C.

Sir;

I have requested that the bullion fund of your Assay Office be increased \$15,000 by a transfer of that amount, and that \$10,000 of the amount be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York and the balance transmitted you very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

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Assayer in Charge.

August 19, 1882.

Helena Mont.

Sir;

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of August 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$2800.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint ^{during the current fiscal year} viz

Salaries 1883	<u>\$800.</u>
Wages of Workmen "	<u>1000.</u>
Contingent Expenses "	<u>1000</u> <u>\$2800.</u>

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston. Acting Director.

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Sept. Mmt.

August. 19. 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir;

✓ C.D. No 140 for \$279.35 being on account of Melting Charges during month of July 1882 enclosed in your communication of the 10th instant has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your Bulletin Accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Sept. Mmt.

August. 19. 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir;

✓ C.D. No 139 for \$346.71 being on account of Alloy Charges during month of July 1882. enclosed in your communication of the 10th inst. has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bulletin accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston. Acting Director.

Sept. Mmt.

August 19. 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir;

✓ C.D. No 138 for \$16,905.09 being on account of Refining Earnings during month of July 1882. enclosed in your communication of the 10th instant has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bulletin accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for Parting & Refining Bullion.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

U.S. Mint
San Francisco.

August 19, 1882.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Statement of Charges imposed at your Mint on gold and Silver Bullion deposits during the month ending July 31st 1882.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

August 19, 1882.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Assay Office at Charlotte N.C. be increased \$15,000 by a transfer of that amount, and that of this sum \$10,000 be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said Assay Office with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York, and that the balance be permitted him in currency and gold coin of the following denominations, namely: Five dollars \$1,000.

Ten " 2,000

Twenty " 2,000

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

August 19, 1882.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Assay Office Charlotte N.C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of three thousand one hundred forty three ¹⁰⁰₁₀₀ 06 dollars (\$3,143.06) in gold coin, and twenty nine ⁷⁰₁₀₀ 70 dollars in silver coin, making a total of three thousand one hundred twenty two ⁷⁶₁₀₀ 76 dollars (\$3,172.76) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer

in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte N.C. for
coinage as shown by Memorandum No 1221, dated August 15th 1882
of gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Hon Chas. J. Folger.

August, 19, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the
bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis to that of the Mint
at New Orleans, of the sum of three thousand eight hundred twenty
four $\frac{48}{100}$ dollars (\$3,874.48) in gold coin, and eighty eight $\frac{88}{100}$
(\$88.88) silver coin, making a total of three thousand, nine
hundred sixty three $\frac{03}{100}$ dollars (\$3,963.03) being the net value
of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the
United States Assay Office at St. Louis for coinage as shown by
Memorandum #36, dated Augt. 12 1882 gold bullion deposited
at said Mint. Please cause credit of transfer to be anticipated
by mail.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Andrew W. Smyth.

August, 21, 1882.

Supt. Mint.

New Orleans.

Sir;

I have requested that the bullion fund of your Mint be
increased five hundred thousand dollars \$500,000 by a transfer
of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars to be placed to
your official credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the
United States at New York, and that notice of such credit
be given you by telegraph.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston Acting Director. ✓

Hon Chas. J. Folger.

August, 21 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir;

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans be increased in the sum of Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) by transfer of that amount in Standard Silver dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York and that notice of credit be given by telegraph.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Prentiss.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. U. S. Mint.

August 22, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir;

I enclose herewith letter addressed to Thomas R. Knox Esq a Stenographer of San Francisco, which I will thank you to cause to be delivered. Mr Knox reported the proceedings of the commission that investigated the charges against Mr Dodge about a year ago, and some of the clues will likely turn of his whereabouts in consequence.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Prentiss.

Acting Director. +

Telegram.

Supt. Mint.

August. 22, 1882.

New Orleans.

Appointments submitted in letter of the eighteenth approved from fifth inst. Letter by mail.

R. E. Prentiss.

Acting Director.

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

August 22, 1882.

New Orleans La.

✓ Three hundred thousand silver dollars have been placed to your credit with Assistant Treasurer at New York.

R. C. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

August 22, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir:

Referring to your Ordinary and Refinery accounts for the month of July 1882, I desire to call your attention to the following errors:

✓ Voucher #1 Pay Roll General Department, shows P. W. Randall to have received pay as a watchman for the entire month whereas he was appointed to take effect on the 5th of the month, he should therefore be paid for 3 days at \$3.00 per day as conductor and for 27 days at \$2.50 per day as watchman making due him for the month \$76.50 instead of \$77.50 as paid.

Co. F. Ammerman, Refinery roll, is shown to have been paid \$104.00 or \$4.00 per diem for the entire month. He was promoted to helper to take effect July 5th and should in consequence receive compensation at the rate of \$4.00 per day for 23 days only, and \$2.75 for the remaining three, making an aggregate \$100.25 showing an overpayment of \$3.75. In drawing the warrant for the amount of the Comis. Adjutant roll, the footing of the last page only is taken into consideration and the amount is erroneously charged on the abstract \$3288, being the correct amount and not \$3102. Voucher #10, Refinery account, is incorrect in the second item which should be \$46.42 instead of \$50.98 amount entered, and the last item of the bill is so abbreviated as to render it unintelligible.

The second entry in voucher #16 Ordinary account is also incorrect. The renovating of 145 yards of carpet at

6 ^{per yard} amounts to \$8.70, not \$14.50 as charged.

The vouchers referred to together with the abstracts of disbursements and accounts current, are returned herewith and I will thank you to cause the necessary corrections to be made and the accounts returned to this office without delay.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

August, 22, 1882.

U. S. Minit. Denver. Cal.

Sir:

The awards made by you to S. B. Buchanan for Charcoal and H. A. Smith & Co for Coal necessary for the use of your Minit. during the present fiscal year, advised in your communication of the 16th inst. are hereby approved.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Alexander Ramsey.

August, 22, 1882.

St Paul Minit.

Sir:

I transmit herewith Treasury Draft No B. 17973) for \$1000, being amount appropriated by Congress for payment of your services in connection with the investigation of charges preferred by the Hon N. L. Page M. C against N. L. Dodge, Superintendent U. S. Minit San Francisco, Cal.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Thomas R. Knox, Esq.
San Francisco Cal.

August. 22. 1882.

Sir:

I transmit herewith Treasury Draft No B 17974) for \$1000 being the amount appropriated by Congress for payment of your services in reporting proceedings of the Commission which investigated charges preferred by the Hon N. L. Page M.C. against N. L. Dodge Superintendent U. S. Mint San Francisco Cal. Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon S. C. Houghton.
San Jose Cal.

August. 22. 1882.

Sir:

I transmit herewith Treasury Draft No 17975) for \$1000. being amount appropriated by Congress for payment of your services in connection with the investigation of charges preferred by the Hon N. L. Page M.C. against N. L. Dodge Superintendent U. S. Mint. San Francisco. Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
New Orleans.

August. 22. 1882.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of August 1882 has been approved for the sum of \$13,000 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your mint during the current fiscal year. viz

Salaries 1883.	<u>\$2500.</u>	
Wages of workmen "	<u>7500.</u>	
Contingent Expenses "	<u>3000</u>	<u>\$13,000</u>

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston. Acting Director.

Telegram.

Horatio C. Buichard.

August 22, 1882.

Care U. S. Mint. Denver.

Eckfeldt's finished on report ready to start whenever instructed.
 Has not heard from you in reply to his letter of the 20th.

Can go to Carson or elsewhere.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram.

Acting Supt. Mint.

August 23, 1882.

Philadelphia

When will a telegram or letter reach Col Snodden, answer.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint.

August 23, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Can you go to Carson to investigate charges against the
 Superintendent.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

August 23, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Charges having been preferred against James Crawford Esq.
 Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City Nevada which
 it is necessary to make inquiry into. The Director has re-
 quested me by telegraph to ascertain if you can visit the
 Carson Mint and investigate the charges.

I will thank you to inform me of your decision as to
 whether you can go as early as practicable.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

August 23. 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I have received per Adams Express Box containing three gold and twenty four silver Army Marksmanship Medals, together with your bills for the same, which I have transmitted to the Chief of Ordnance with a request that a draft for the amount \$412.80 be transmitted you.

I enclose herewith duplicate Medal fund vouchers properly signed.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

First Auditor

August 23. 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary & Standard Silver dollar accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans for the month ending July 31st 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Genl S. V. Benet.

August 23. 1882.

Chief of Ordnance.

War Department.

Sir;

In compliance with your request of the 2nd instant. I transmit herewith three gold and twenty four silver Army Marksmanship Medals of the first and third class divisions respectively mounted as desired and calls for each.

I enclose herewith duplicate receipted bills for the Medals, mounting and calls, amounting to \$412.80, and have to

request that a draft for the amount be transmitted to
London Snarden, Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at
Philadelphia. I will thank you to acknowledge receipt of the medals
 to the office.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

August 23, 1882.

Assay Office, Charlotte N. C.

Sir:

C.P. No 86 for \$94.00 being on account of Ore Assays for
 4th quarter fiscal year 1882, enclosed in your communica-
 tion of the 21st instant has been received, properly endorsed
 and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, in personal
 credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount
 to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

August 23, 1882.

Assay Office, Charlotte N. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Statements of
 Earnings & Expenditures of your office for the quarter ended
 June 30 1882 and for the fiscal year 1882.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge

August 23, 1882.

U. S. Mint Denver.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your supplemental
 Ordinary Expense Account with attachments and vouchers
 for the month ending June 30 1882.

Very respectfully, R. E. Preston Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

August 23. 1882.

U. S. Mint Denver Col.

Sir;

C/O No 529 for \$1194.75 being on account of repayment of balance of Contingent fund fiscal year '82 enclosed in your communication of the 18th inst. has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the credit of the appropriation for Contingent expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year 1882.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.

August 23. 1882.

New York.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your monthly Report of Charges Collected on gold and silver bullion deposits during the month of July 1882.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. †

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.

August 23. 1882.

New York.

Sir;

C/O No 1197 for \$288.65 being on account of melting alloy & bar charges during the month of July 1882 enclosed in your communication of the 22nd instant has been received properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York City.

August 23. 1882.

Sir;

C/S. No 1210 for \$10510.23 being on account of Parting & Refining earnings during month of July 1882. enclosed in your communication of the 22nd instant. has been received. properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for parting and Refining bullion.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston.

Acting Quicks. ✓

M. D. Davis, late Supt.
U. S. Mint. New Orleans.

August 23. 1882.

Sir;

C/S. No 174 for \$64.97 being on account of bal. of contingent appropriation 1882. enclosed in your communication of the 19th instant has been received. properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury, as a repayment to the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint fiscal year 1882.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Quicks. ✓

M. V. Davis, late Supt.
U. S. Mint. New Orleans.

August 23. 1882.

Sir;

C/S. No 175. for \$3.00 being on account of bal. of appropriation for Coinage Standard silver dollars, enclosed in your communication of the 19th inst. has been received. properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your ordinary account.

and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the appropriation for the coinage of Standard Silver dollars passed Feb 28th 1878.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

M. V. Davis, late Supt.

August 23. 1882.

U. S. Mint, New Orleans.

Sir;

C.D. No 176 for \$1.19 being on account of bal. of appropriation for wages of workmen 1882 enclosed in your communication of the 19th inst. has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your ordinary accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the appropriation for wages of workmen of your Mint fiscal 1882.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

M. V. Davis, late Supt.

August 23. 1882.

U. S. Mint New Orleans.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your ordinary and Standard Silver dollar accounts for the month ending July 31st 1882 with my approval. I desire however, to call attention to the pay of Mrs C. C. Todd who, apparently was paid 50^c less than she was entitled. The item shows \$43.25 paid, but the footing is correct, at \$43.75 the proper amount that should have been paid.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco.

August 23. 1882.

Sir,

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$7000. to meet the expenses of the refining in connection with your prostitution during the present month payable from the appropriation for "Parting and Refining bullion".

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

New Orleans.

August 24. 1882.

Receive from Boston & Colorado Smelting Company fifty thousand, at one hundred fourteen and nine hundredths cents and from Handy & Conner one hundred thousand ounces at one hundred fourteen and ninety one hundredths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed. Acting Director.

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

San Francisco

August 24. 1882.

Receive from Nohl & Pollitz fifteen thousand ounces and Daniel Meyer twenty five thousand ounces. both at one hundred fourteen and eighty nine hundredths cents per ounce.

From Nevada Bank thirty five thousand ounces at one hundred fourteen and seventy five hundredths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston

Confirmed. Acting Director.

Telegram

Supt. Minit.

August 24 1882.

San Francisco.

The five thousand dollar draft was an error in the warrant Division. It was intended to be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York. We have approved an additional advance of twelve thousand dollars requested in your requisition, and yesterday requested that five thousand be placed to your credit in New York and two thousand advanced you, making a total of twenty four thousand advanced you this month.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

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Telegram

Nohl & Pollatz

August 24 1882.

San Francisco Cal.

Your offer accepted.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director

Similar telegram to.

Telegram

Daniel Meyer.

Nevada Bank.

San Francisco Cal.

San Francisco Cal.

Telegram

Anglo Californian Bank.

August. 24. 1882.

San Francisco Cal.

Your offer declined.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed Acting Director.

Similar telegram addressed to.

Telegram

J. B. Colgate & Co.

47 Wall Street New York.

Telegram

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.

August. 24. 1882.

Denver Colorado.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred fourteen and nine tenths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram

Nandy & Cronie.

August 24, 1882.

24. Nassau Street New York.
 Your offers of one hundred thousand ounces for New Orleans
 and two hundred thousand ounces for Philadelphia accepted.

R. C. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram

J. B. Naggin.

August 24, 1882.

San Francisco Cal.

Your offer received too late and is therefore declined.

R. C. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Leonard Whitney Esq.

August 24, 1882.

Washington D. C.

Sir:

I transmit herewith Treasury draft No 17970 for \$78.
 issued in payment of the account of the gold and
 Stock Telegraph Co. for silver quotations furnished
 this office during the month of July 1882.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Capt. Mint.

August 24, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of silver bullion have been made this day at
 Department by the Secretary of the Treasury. for delivery at
 your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for
 the amounts respectively named, which you will receive
 and pay for as may be preferred, either in silver
 dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New
 York payable in silver dollars to mint of.

Nandy & Cronie 200,000 ounces at \$1.1490

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

August, 24th 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

Referring to a letter from this office of May 31st 1882. enclosing a copy of a letter from Gen. S. D. Benet, Chief of Ordnance, requesting the preparation of certain additional army marksmanship medals I have to request that you will perform this office when the mint (a) second class prize Army Division Marksmanship Gold medals, and two (2) second class prize army marksmanship Gold medals not probably be ready.

The War Department is anxious to receive these medals as early as practicable.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

W. D. Davis, late Supt.

August, 24, 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir;

C/O No. 178 for \$3. being on account of Assays of ores, enclosed in your communication of the 21st inst. has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you, in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

August, 24, 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir.

The following coins received during the month of August at your Mint. (up to the close of Superintendent Davis' Administration) for special assay, and transmitted to this office has been received. viz: 1st. Silver dollar \$1.00

Very respectfully. R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

Wm C. J. Folger.

August 24, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that orders for railroad transportation from Council Bluffs to San Francisco and return be furnished Frederick Eckfeldt, of this office, the same to be paid from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of the Bureau of the Mint.

It is necessary that Mr Eckfeldt should visit the Mints at Carson and San Francisco on official business connected with this office.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Assayer in Charge.

August 25, 1882.

Boise Assay Office.

Sir:

I transmit herewith blank forms for submitting estimates of appropriations required for your institution for the fiscal year ending June 30 1884, also form for deficiency estimates for the current and previous years.

It is presumed that nothing will be required in the nature of a deficiency appropriation. The estimates stating in detail the appropriations which will be needed must be at this office not later than the 15th proximo.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Similar letter addressed to.

Assayer in Charge

Charlotte Assay Office.

Assayer in Charge

Denver Mint

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

Assayer in Charge.

St. Louis Assay Office.

Assayer in Charge

Nelana Assay Office.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Carson. ✓

Supt. U. S. Mint.
 San Francisco. ✓
Supt. U. S. Mint.
 New Orleans. ✓

Supt. New York Assay Office
 New York. ✓

Emilie Aithand
 279 Rue Rogati
 New Orleans La.

August. 25. 1882.

Madam.

Your letter of the 12th inst. applying for a position in the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, has been referred to the Superintendent thereof for his consideration.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

First Auditor.
 Treasury Department.

August 25. 1882.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Supplemental Ordinary account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver Col. for the month ending June 30th 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

First Auditor.
 Treasury Department.

August. 25. 1882.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver Col for the month ending July 31st 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston Acting Director.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

August. 25. 1882.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the
Bullin accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at
San Francisco for the Quarter ending March 31st 1882, rendered
to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

August. 25. 1882.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the
Ordinary Expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S.
Assay Office at New York for the fiscal year ending June
30th 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required
by law.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director

First Auditor
Treasury Department.

August. 25. 1882.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement
the Ordinary and Refining expense accounts of the Super-
intendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the
month ending July 31st 1882, rendered to me for the pur-
pose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

August 25, 1882.

Carson.

Sir;

The following coins received during the month of July at your Mint for special assay, and transmitted to this office have been received viz:

✓ 1 Double Eagle	\$ 20.00
2 Standard Silver Dollars	2.00
Total value	\$ 22.00

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Assayer in Charge.

August 25, 1882.

U. S. Mint Denver, Col.

Sir;

✓ I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officer of the Department for examination and settlement your ordinary expense account for the month ending July 31st 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Assayer in Charge.

August 25, 1882.

U. S. Mint Denver Col.

Sir;

✓ I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officer of the Department for examination and settlement your Supplemental Ordinary account for the month ending June 30th 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Assayer in Charge.
U. S. Mint Denver.

August, 25, 1882.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of August 9th in relation to the manner of keeping the Collection Account in your bullion account, I would state that the accounting officers of the Department think that you should only receive credit for the charges deducted at the Mint on the shipments which are transferred during the quarter for which the account is rendered.

The Mint at Philadelphia informs you of the amount of charges in addition to the net value of the deposit, and it is desired that you should debit your collection account each quarter with the exact amount of the charges imposed at the Mint on the shipments which are transferred by the Treasurer during the quarter.

I have tried to make the explanation of what is desired as plain as possible, and I trust you may have no further difficulty in understanding what is wanted.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

W. N. Hove, Esq.

August 25, 1882.

No 3 1/2 Carondelet, Street.
 New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your letter of the 25th ultimo enclosing application of Miss Mary W. Porter for appointment to a position in the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, has this day been referred to the Superintendent thereof for his consideration.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

August, 25th, 1882.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
New Orleans.

August, 25th, 1882.

Sir;

On the 21st inst. your predecessor forwarded two Certificates of Deposit, No 178 for three dollars on account of assays of ores, and No 170 \$1.15 on account of sale of old material. Both Certificates are duplicates, and are herewith returned, that the originals may be forwarded in their place.

A statement showing the old material sold should accompany C.D. No. 179.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

August, 25th, 1882.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary & Refining Expense accounts for the Month ending July 31st, 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco.

August 25. 1882.

Sir:

I desire to have prepared for use in the Mint at New Orleans a system of accounts similar to those which were prepared and submitted to the representatives of this office last June at your Mint.

I refer to the new ledger with the printed headings of the fixed entries in the accounts; and I will thank you to forward to me either a leaf from each of the accounts in the ledger named or an exact copy of the same with the same rulings and size of sheets.

I will thank you to forward at the same time copies of the forms used by the cashiers and warrant clerk, or any of the other officers of the Mint; for furnishing information to the book-keeper from which he makes his entries.

Please give this your early attention.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

August 25. 1882.

Sir:

I have to request that you will furnish this office abstracts of gold and silver deposits remaining unpaid during the first quarter and paid in the second quarter ending June 30th 1882, which were omitted to be forwarded along with the bullion accounts for the second quarter.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

N. L. Dodge Esq.
 Late Asst. Comm.
 San Francisco.
 Sir:

August 26, 1882.

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting
 offices of the Department for examination and settlement
 your better accounts for the quarter ending March 31, 1882
 with my approval.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Chas J. Folger.
 Secretary of the Treasury.
 Sir:

August 26, 1882.

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from
 the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte N. C.
 to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of One
 thousand five hundred seventy six $\frac{61}{100}$ dollars (\$1,576.61) in
 gold coin and eleven $\frac{75}{100}$ dollars (\$11.75) in silver coin,
 making a total of One thousand five hundred eighty eight
 36 dollars (\$1,588.36) being the net value of bullion her-
 tofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United
 States Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. for coinage as shown
 by memorandum No 1246 dated August 22, 1882, of gold
 bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Asst Auditor.
 Treasury Department.
 Sir:

August 26, 1882

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Adma-
 ny Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay
 Office at Boise City Idaho for the month ending July 31, 1882

rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law
Very respectfully.
R. C. Preston.

First Auditor.

August 26. 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at St Louis Mo for the month ending July 31st 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

First Auditor.

August 26. 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. for the month ending June 30th 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram.

Horatio C. Bruchard.

August. 26. 1882.

Freeport Ill.

Eckfeldt will reach Chicago Tuesday morning at eleven. where will he meet you.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

August 26, 1882.

U. S. Assay Office.

Boise City Idaho.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your ordinary Expense Accounts for the month ending July 31st 1882 with my approval

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

August 26, 1882.

U. S. Assay Office, Charlotte.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your ordinary expense account for the month ending June 30th 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Frederick Eckfeldt Esq.

August 26, 1882.

Bureau of the Mint.

Sir;

It being desirable to obtain information and statistics covering the production of the precious metals in the Territory of Idaho for the annual report of the Director of the Mint on the production of the precious metals during the current calendar year, you are hereby authorized and directed to proceed to that Territory to obtain the desired information and visit such mining sections of the Territory as may in your judgment be necessary.

You will visit Boise City and place yourself in communication with Albert Walter Esq. Assayer in Charge

of the U. S. Assay Office, and consult and obtain from him such information as will facilitate you in the performance of the work herein assigned to you.

You will make an examination into the condition of the Assay Office at that point and the manner in which the business is conducted.

When you shall have completed the collection of the information and statistics of the production of the precious metals in Idaho, you will proceed to Carson Nev. and investigate charges which have been made against the Superintendent and chief clerk of that Mint.

You will examine such witnesses as may be necessary to enable you to obtain all the facts in the case.

On the conclusion of your examination you will report in writing to this Office the result of your investigation into these charges.

You are authorized to employ a stenographer or clerk to report the evidence if you deem it necessary.

While engaged in these duties your traveling and other necessary expenses will be paid on your rendering an account accompanied by proper vouchers.

Very respectfully,

R. S. Preston.

Capt U. S. Mint.

New Orleans.

August 26, 1882.

Sir:

You are hereby instructed to reduce the force in your Mint within the appropriation made for wages of workmen for the current fiscal year, namely \$74,000 so that no deficiency will be required. As long as your Mint is required to coin only a half million dollars a month, I consider the appropriations ample.

Your attention is directed to the fact that the force employed in the General and Coining Department is in excess

of the requirements of your Mint, and can probably be largely reduced without affecting the efficiency of the service. The force of adjutants could very properly be reduced to twenty.

I think that the reduction should be made to take effect from the 1st proximo.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Capt. U. S. Mint.

August 26, 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir:

Upon receipt of the report of the gentlemen just returned from your Mint, I wrote to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco to furnish copies of the headings of the new ledgers which were prepared under the supervision of a representative of this office, and as soon as samples are received, I will have a system of ledger accounts prepared for use at your Mint. In the meantime, you will please see that correct accounts are kept with the bullion and coin, the entries to be made daily, so that a balance can be struck at any time.

The abstract clerk should furnish the book-keeper each day with the totals of his sheets for that day, and the cashier with the payments to depositors, transfers and expenses of distributing silver dollars. I will thank you to see that the system of information and accounts stated is instituted at your Mint.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Sup't. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

August 26. 1882.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 24th inst. stating that some of the banks and brokers of your City are presenting orders for minor coins for shipment to their correspondents in San Francisco and requesting instructions as to whether you should receive such orders and if so at what rate you should pay the Express Company for transportation of the same. In reply, I have to state that the contract with the Adams Express Company for the transportation of minor coins does not extend beyond the Missouri River and considering the fact you are hereby authorized, when requested in writing to do so, to forward minor coins by Registered mail to points on the Pacific Coast reached by railroad communication at the risk of the consignee.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Sup't. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

August 26. 1882.

Sir:

I enclose herewith copy of a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, stating that instructions have been given for the transfer of silver three cent pieces, from the several Sub Treasury offices to your Mint for recoinage and requesting that all such uncurrent silver coins transferred from the Treasury be re coined into a like amount of dimes, which you are hereby instructed to do, forwarding to this office a memorandum showing a loss on the recoinage on the three cent pieces as soon as ascertained, in order that the Treasurer may be reimbursed for the difference between the face and coinage value of such coins, from the appropriation made for that purpose.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston. Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

August 26, 1882.

U. S. Assay Office.

St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending July 31st 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.

August, 26, 1882.

Secretary of The Treasury.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of One million dollars (\$1,000,000) by a transfer of that amount in Standard silver dollars, and that the sum be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram Supt U. S. Mint.

August, 28, 1882.

San Francisco.

Advance purchasing rate of silver to one hundred fourteen and seven tenths cents per ounce fine silver.

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Similar telegram addressed to.

Telegram. Supt. Mint
Carroll

Supt. Mint.
New Orleans.

Telegram

Capt. Mint.

August. 28. 1882.

Philadelphia.

Edward T. Preston is Superintendent Mint at San Francisco.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. +

Telegram

Capt. Mint.

August. 28. 1882.

San Francisco.

Your receipt to Mr Dodge should accompany his bullion accounts. Obtain and forward original receipt and give Dodge the duplicate.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director. +

Treasury Auditor

August. 28. 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary ^{Refinery} and Standard silver dollar accounts of the late Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans La. for the period ending August 19th 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. |

Treasury Auditor

August. 28. 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir;

I transmit ^{herewith} for examination and settlement the bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the quarter ending June 30th 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. |

Mint Auditor.

August. 28. 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans for the Quarter ending June 30. 1882. rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

August. 28. 1882.

Charlotte N. C.

Sir:

C/O. No 87 for \$496.70 being on account of unexpended balance of app'n for labor and incidentals enclosed in your communication of the 21st inst. has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury - personal credit to be given you in your ordinary accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation named.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge

August. 28. 1882.

Denver.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day viz.

2000 Circulars to mine owners.

2000 Statements of production of mines.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

James Gillfillan. Esq.
 Treasurer United States.
 Sir;

August 28. 1882.

I will thank you to furnish this office at your earliest convenience with a statement of the amount transferred to, and from the bullion fund of the U.S. Mint at New Orleans, from July 1st to August 20th 1882 inclusive, and the balance with which the Superintendent was charged at the latter date, when the Mint was transferred to Dr A. W. Smythe the new Superintendent.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

August. 28. 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir;

As requested in your letter of the 23rd inst. I transmit by to days mail, 200 Copies of Circular of Feb. 2, 1882 relative to the purchase of mutilated silver coin.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

August. 28. 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Refining & St Silver dollar accounts for the period ending August 19th 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.

August 28, 1882.

Late Supt. U. S. Mint.

New Orleans, La.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion accounts for the period ended Aug 19th 1882; Abstract Shuts and Assay reports however are missing, which you will please forward at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

M. V. Davis, Esq.

August 28, 1882.

Late Supt. U. S. Mint.

New Orleans.

Sir;

As requested in your letter of the 22nd inst I return herewith the duplicate of M. N. Applegate's plumbing bill for the month of June 1882 for file with your retained papers.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

August 28, 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day viz:

500 Statements - movement of Standard Silver Dollars.

Silver Dollars - No 145.

2 Silver Work Books - No 80.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

M. V. Davis. Esq.

August 28. 1882.

Late Capt. Mint.

New Orleans.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your bullion accounts for the Quarter ending June 30 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Capt. U. S. Mint.

August 28. 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be deposited in your name, the sum of two hundred and sixty thousand, five hundred and fifty one $\frac{49}{100}$ dollars (260,551.49) on account of profits on the coinage of Standard Silver dollars and that your Bullion fund be increased by a transfer of that amount.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Capt. U. S. Mint.

August 28. 1882.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 9th inst. in relation to the statement of your account with the appropriation for Parting and Refining bullion for the fiscal year 1882. I have to reply that the books of this office have been checked with those of the Secretary of the Treasury and the items of expense as stated in my letter of the 2nd inst. are correct and you will please correct your books to correspond.

Very Respectfully.

R. E. Preston Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco.

August 28. 1882.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day viz:

6 Books - Silver Ingots.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco.

August 28. 1882.

Sir:

Referring to the Bullion Accounts of your predecessor for the quarter ended June 30th 1882, your attention is respectfully directed to the fact that the payments in silver coin for deposits and purchases of the quarter are entered in the "Silver coinage account" as \$1,447,354.23 and in the "deposit and purchase account" as \$1,447,354.73 a difference of fifty cents.

The payments in silver coin of the deposits and purchases of former quarters are entered in the "silver coin account" as \$202,183.¹⁴/₁₀₀, while the counter entry in the "impaired deposit account" is \$202,182.⁶⁵/₁₀₀, also a difference of fifty cents.

These two errors offset each other, and do not affect the general balance of coin on hand at the close of the quarter, but I am at a loss to understand how such errors occur; and I will thank you to furnish such explanation of them as the book keeper who prepared the accounts may have to offer.

The summary statement of "silver deposit Bullion" is not stated as it should be, but as it is not essential to an adjustment of the accounts, I have passed it.

The Mint Accounts should be strictly accurate in each individual entry, and while it is not desirable to change entries in the accounts after they have been forwarded from the Mints, I shall do so in this case.

rather than delay the settlement of Mr Dodge's accounts by returning them to your Mint.

As the accounts are only rendered quarterly, I can see no good reason why the entries should not be perfectly correct.

I return herewith special warrant No 49, paid Nells, Fargo & Co for transportation of silver dollars in the month of June, amounting to \$1212.55 which is not included in the expenses taken up in the account under examination.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Capt. U. S. Mint.

August 28, 1882.

San Francisco,

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting office of the Department for examination and settlement your Bulletin accounts for the Quarter ending June 30 1882 with my approval. ✓

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Mrs Charles J. Folger.

August 28, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States, in the name of Edward L. Burton Superintendent Mint U. S. at San Francisco the sum of two hundred and sixty thousand, five hundred and fifty one ⁴⁹/₁₀₀ dollars (\$260,551.49) on account of Profits on the coinage of Standard silver dollars and that the bullion fund of said Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston, Acting Director.

Robt. Beall Esq.

August 29, 1882.

495 Pa Ave.

City.

Sir:

Your bill of the 30th of June 1882 for 3 books, purchased for the use of this Bureau amounting to \$5. has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Newcomb & Hayes,

August, 29, 1882.

The Idaho Avalanche,

Silver City,

Idaho.

Your bill of the 30th of June, 1882, for one years subscription to Idaho Avalanche from June, 30, 1882. purchased for the use of this Bureau amounting to \$5. has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Southern Utah Times,

August, 29, 1882.

Trisco.

Utah.

Sir:-

Your bill of the 6th of July, 1882, for One years subscription to Southern Utah Times from ✓

July 1, 1882, purchased for the use of this Bureau amounting to \$5.00 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

Chas. Nickell, Esq.

August, 29th, 1882.

Proprietor Times,

Jacksonville,

Oregon.

Sir:

Your bill of June 29th, 1882, for one years subscription from July, 1. 82, to the "Times" purchased for the use of this Bureau amounting to \$8.00 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement. In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Pierre L. Van Wyck, Esq.

August, 29th, 1882

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,

New York.

Sir:

✓ Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for blank Mem^os of Silver bullion - 5000 & 1000 daily statements, and as requested in your letter of the 19th inst, the same will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

S. A. Kenner, Esq.
 Publisher, Silver Reef Mines,
 Silver Reef, Utah.

August. 29." 1882.

Sir:

Your bill of the 1st. of July, 1882 for One years subscription to Silver Reef Mines purchased for the use of this bureau, amounting to \$5.- has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Ira Remsen, Esq.
 Johns Hopkins University,
 Baltimore

August. 29." 1882.

Sir:-

Your bill of the 12th of June 1882. for subscription for vol. 4. Amer. Chemical Journal purchased for the use of this bureau amounting to \$3.- has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination & settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

H. Silver, Esq.
 Assayer in Charge.
 U. S. Mint, Denver Col.

August 29." 1882.

Sir:

✓ Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for blank Certificates of Gold Deposits, 1000 Assay Memorandums 1000 and as requested in your letter of the 18th inst the same will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

E. F. Burton, Esq.August, 29th, 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

San Francisco.

Sir:

✓ Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for Blank Certificates of Gold Deposit, and as requested in your letter of the 22nd, inst, 10,000 copies will be mailed you as soon as received,

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Henry Langford, Esq.August, 29th, 1882

New Orleans,

La.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find Treasury Draft B. 18055, for \$136.²⁰, the same having been issued in payment of your account for services in reporting the testimony in the case of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans in March last.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

M. H. Goble Esq.

August, 29th 1882.

Freight Auditor,
Omaha, Neb.

Sir:-

I forward you by todays mail a supply of blank forms of Ore and Bullion shipments over the Union Pacific Railroad for the 6 months ending June 30, 1882 which I will thank you to have prepared and returned to the office in the enclosed stamped envelopes.

A reasonable compensation will be paid your clerks for their labor.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director

Southwick Guthrie, Esq.

August, 29th 1882.

Representative of the Union Pacific R. R. Co.,
Room 91, Corcoran Building,
City,

Sir:-

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, the following accounts of the Union Pacific R. R. Company forwarded with your letters of June 14th, July 14th, and August 26th, namely: for transportation of E. O. Leech from Council Bluffs to Ogden \$54.⁵⁰, and for transportation of E. O. Leech from Ogden to Council Bluffs \$54.⁵⁰, Also bill of the Central Pacific R. R. Co. for transportation of E. O. Leech from Ogden to San Francisco forty six (\$46) dollars

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director,

Herman Silver Esq.
Assayer in Charge.
Denver Mint.

August. 29," 1882.

Sir:

I forward you by today's mail a supply of blank forms of Ore and Bullion shipments by Railroads for the six months ending June 30, 1882, which I will thank you to have prepared and returned to this Office.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Wm. Hesse & Morgan.
1219 Ballouhill St.
Phila.

August, 29," 1882.

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 12th inst. for altering shaft for Assay rolls & 10 grate bars purchased for the use of the Laboratory in connection with this Bureau, amounting to \$9—has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of this Department, for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director. ✓

Geo. W. Sterrett, Esq.
Publisher "Globe Chronicle."
Globe, A. T.

August. 29," 1882

Sir:

Your bill of the 26th ultimo for one year's subscription to "The Globe Chronicle" purchased for the use of this Bureau amounting to \$4,—

has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.

August, 29th 1882.

Assayer in Charge

U. S. Assay Office

St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for blank Assayer reports upon ores and as requested in your letter of the 9th inst. 100 copies will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

E. F. Burton, Esq.

August, 29th 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

San Francisco.

Sir:

The following Telegram sent you today is hereby made Official, viz:

You are authorized to pay the Employees whose appointments were disappointed for the time they were actually employed.

I am very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Chas. H. Greene, Esq. August, 29th, 1882.
New Mex. Printing & Publishing Co.
 Santa Fe, N.M.

Sir:

Your bill of the 12th ultimus for One year's subscription to Weekly Mining News purchased for the use of this bureau - amounting to \$2. - has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director, ✓

Editor Grant County News,
Canyon City
Oregon.

August, 29th, 1882.

Sir

Your bill of the 10th of July 1882, for One year's subscription from July 10th 1882, purchased for the use of this bureau, amounting to \$3.00 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston

Acting Director ✓

Editor Sentinel Publishing Co.
Yuma A. T.

August, 29th, 1882

Sir:

Your bill of the 10th of July 1882, for One

year's subscription to Sentinel purchased for the use of this bureau amounting to \$5.00 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

E. F. Burton Esq.

August 30, "1882,

Supt Mint U. S.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the official oath of J. J. Haniffis for Machinist in the General Department of your institution bearing date of the 22nd inst. forwarded with your communication of the 23rd inst.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Telegram Supt. U. S. Assay Office.

August 30 "1882

New York.

✓ Draft will be mailed to day.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Telegram. Assayer U. S. Mint.
Denver, Colorado.

August 30, "1882.

Have extended R. P. Andrews leave of absence to
 tenth proximo.

Very respectfully
 R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Henry Langford, Esq.
Tangipahoa, La.
 Sir:

August 30, "1882.

In reply to your letter of the 28th instant,
 I have to inform you that Treasury Draft B 18055
 for \$136.²⁰ in payment of your account for services
 in reporting the case of the Superintendent of
 the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, was forwarded
 to you, by mail, at New Orleans yesterday.

Very respectfully,
 R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

A. Lowden Snowden Esq.
Supt Mint.
Philadelphia.

August 30, "1882.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 26th instant, in
 regard to the transfer to your Mint for recoinage of
 silver three cent pieces, I have to request that you
 will forward to this Office a memorandum show-
 ing the loss on each lot.

Very respectfully
 R. E. Preston

Acting Director. ✓

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.
Supt Mint,
Philadelphia.

August 30, 1882.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 29th instant, I have to state that no provision was made by Congress for the redemption of uncurrent subsidiary silver coins, but the Act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the Government for the current fiscal year contains an appropriation of \$25,000 for the recoinage of all uncurrent silver coins in the Treasury, which is intended to reimburse the Treasurer for the loss on the recoinage of such coins.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.
Supt U. S. Mint,
Phila., Pa.

August 30, 1882.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Account, Abstracts and Vouchers for the Second Quarter ending June 30th 1882.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Telegram Bank of California, August 31, 1882,
San Francisco, Cal.,

Your offer declined.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed.

Acting Director. ✓

Telegram Daniel Meyer, August 31, 1882,
San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer declined.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed.

Acting Director. ✓

Telegram Anglo-Californian Bank, Aug. 31st 1882,
San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer declined.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed.

Acting Director. ✓

Telegram Jas. B. Colgate & Co., August 31st 1882,
47 Wall Street, New York.

Your offer accepted.

R. E. Preston,

Confirmed.

Acting Director. ✓

Telegram Boston & Colorado Smelting Co., Aug. 31, 1882,
Denver, Colorado.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans at
one hundred and fifteen cents.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director. ✓

Telegram Supit Mint, August, 31st 1882,
San Francisco,

Nevada Bank sold only Thirty thousand
ounces last week.

Confirmed.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

Telegram Handy & Cronise.
24 Nassau St.

August 31st 1882.

New York.

Twenty five thousand ounces of your offer for New Orleans, and one hundred thousand ounces for Philadelphia accepted.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director. ✓

Telegram Supt Mint

August 31st 1882.

New Orleans, La.

✓ Receive from Boston & Colorado Smelting Company forty five thousand ounces at one hundred and fifteen cents and from Handy and Cronise twenty five thousand ounces at one hundred fifteen and two one-hundredths cents per ounce fine

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director. ✓

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt Mint.

August 31st 1882.

Barren.

Sir:

✓ I have requested the First Comptroller to have stated accounts in favor of your self and Mr Bryant, the Melter and Refiner, for \$20.⁰⁰ and \$22.⁵⁰ respectively being the amounts of the vouchers disallowed in your Ordinary Expense Account for August of last year on account of traveling expenses to San Francisco and return, at the direction of the Director, to testify before the Commission investigating Mr Dodge.

I have also approved and referred to

the First Auditor your account and Mr Bryant for \$5.00 each, being the amounts paid the Central Pacific Railroad for fare on the same occasion.

These sums will be paid from the appropriation made by Congress for the purpose in the Deficiency Act approved August 5th, 1882.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director, +

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt Mint.
Carson

August 8/21, 1882,

Sir:

I find that we have not received your quarterly statement of Gains and Expenditures for the quarter ended June 30th, 1882, nor your annual statement for the fiscal year ended the same date.

Please forward them at once, and, if you have not already done so, close your Ordinary Accounts for the last fiscal year.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director, |

H. Silver, Esq.

Assaym Charge.
Denver Mint.

August 8/21, 1882.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

200 statements of Bankers.

Very Respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. Louden Snowden.
Supt U. S. Mint.
Phila.

August 3/ct/1882.

Sir:

Purchases of silver bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars, or by draft on the Assistant-Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars to wit: of-

Handy & Cronise 100. 000 ounces at \$1.14 98
Jas B. Colgate & Co, 50. 000 ounces at \$1.14 90

Very Respectfully
R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Hon William G. Kelley,
Cor. 4/ct. & Myrtle Sts.
Phila.

August 3/ct/1882.

Sir:

As requested in your communication of the 30th inst., I enclose herewith a statement of the Expenditures of the U. S. Mint at Carson for the last three fiscal years, also the amount of coinage executed and the relative cost per cent of such coinage.

In estimating the cost of the coinage, I have compared the number of pieces coined with the expenses for wages of workmen and contingent expenses, and have not included salaries, for the reason that they are fixed by law, and the Superintendent has no control over them.

I have also embraced in the same table a column showing the percentage of cost based on the value of the coinage.

It is a matter of some doubt whether or not, in estimating the cost of the coinage of a given amount, the salaries of the officers should be taken into consideration.

Trusting the statement enclosed will answer your purposes.

I am, very respectfully,
R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Statement found in Press Copy book.

C. F. Burton, Esq.

August 31st, 1882.

Sup't. Mint.

San Francisco.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 22nd instant, in relation to advances made you during the present month from the appropriations, and calling my attention to what you conceive to be errors in the amounts, I would say that I have examined the subject and failed to find that any error has been made on the part of this office.

The first advance from parting and refining, approved Aug. 7th, for \$5,000, was requested by me in favor of Thomas C. Acton, Assistant Treasurer at New York, for credit of yourself, but through an error in the Warrant Division of the Secretary's Office the amount was sent you direct. Your regular requisition for refinery advance was approved on the 24th instant for \$12,000.

Upon receipt of your dispatch that only \$5,000 had been received, an additional \$7,000 was advanced you for the purpose of making up

the amount to \$12,000.

The amount advanced you from "parting and refining" will probably last you until the end of September without any further advances from that fund.

In reference to your remark that "an error also occurred in the advance made for Contingent Expenses," I would state that the sum of \$10,000 was advanced you advisedly, and you were so informed on the 7th of Aug. when your requisition was approved.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

E. F. Burton Esq.

Supt Mint.

San Francisco

August 31st 1882.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of August 24th, asking an advance of \$18,000 to cover refinery expenses for September, I would state that, in view of the fact that the sum of \$24,000 was advanced you this month for refinery purposes, I presume that it will not be necessary to approve this requisition, as I shall do nothing in regard to it till I hear from you.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

August 31st 1882.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that orders for transportation, over the Central Pacific Railroad from Reno to Winnemucca, Nevada be furnished Mr Frederick Eckfeldt of this Office, payment for the same to be made from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, Bureau of the Mint.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt U. S. Mint,
Carson.

August 31st 1882.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 28th instant informing this Office of the issue of a special power of Attorney to E. F. Paice authorizing him to transact business with your Mint for Wells Fargo & Co., I have to state that it is desirable that the power of Attorney be forwarded to this office for file in the Department.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Col. S. B. Holabird.

September 1st 1882.

Quart. Master General,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have requested Henry Froemner to deliver to you for shipment to the Mint of the U. S. at Carson a bullion balance and weights, properly boxed and marked, which I will thank you to receive and forward, as provided by General Order No. 66, dated July 24th/87.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Henry Froemner, Esq.

September 1st 1882.

710 Market St.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I will thank you to deliver the balance and weights made by you for the Carson Mint to Col. S. B. Holabird, Quartermaster of the U. S. Army in your city. I have this day requested Col. Holabird to receive the same.

You will transmit your account, receipted in duplicate, for the balance and weights to this Office, accompanied by the Quartermaster's receipt.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

A. Loudon Snowden Esq. September 1st, 1882.
Supt Mint.
Phila.

Sir:

I enclose herewith copy of a letter addressed to this Office by the Acting Chief of Ordnance under date of Aug. 29th, to which your attention is respectfully invited.

I will thank you to cause to be manufactured and forwarded to this Office as early as possible bronze copies, with cases, but without bar and suspending link, of the following Army Marksmanship gold and silver medals, namely: 18 bronze copies of the first class prize Army Division Marksmanship, and 18 copies of the third class prize Army Division Marksmanship also bronze copies of the following medals now being prepared at your Mint: 18 bronze copies of the Army Department Marksmanship gold medals, 18 bronze copies of the second class Army Division Marksmanship gold medals, and 18 bronze copies of the Army Marksmanship gold medals of the second class.

I will also thank you to have prepared and forwarded photographic copies of the designs of the medals the dies of which are now in course of preparation, together with the accounts for the same.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Jas M. Whitman, Esq.
Acting Chief of Ordnance.
War Department.

Sep. 1st. 1882.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 29th ultimo, I have to request that you will inform this Office of the number of photographic copies of the designs of the Army Marksmanship Medals, the dies of which are now in course of preparation, you desire to have prepared, and whether the expense will be paid by your Office.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon. Chas J. Folger.
Sec. of Treasury.

September, 1st. 1882.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Three Thousand six Hundred and ninety six $\frac{87}{100}$ Dollars, (\$3,696.87) in Gold Coin, and Fourteen $\frac{95}{100}$ Dollars (\$14.95) in Silver Coin, making a total of Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Ten $\frac{92}{100}$ Dollars (\$3,710.92) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 1292, dated Aug. 29, 1882. of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Calvin J. Bowles, Esq.
 Assayer in Charge.
 Charlotte, N. C.

September 1st. 1882.

Sir:

Your letter of the 30th instant enclosing statement of supplies on hand at the close of the fiscal year ended June 30th 1882, has been received.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

J. B. Haggitt, Esq.
 San Francisco, Cal.

September 1st. 1882.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 24th ultimo, confirming telegram sent and received relative to silver offers and inquiring the latest hour that offers will be received, I have to state that all offers are considered at 2 o'clock, P. M. every Thursday and your offer of that day was not received until after the meeting of the Commission and their action had been approved by the Secretary.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Richards & Co.
 378 Bowery.
 New York.

September 1st. 1882.

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 20th of July for Chemicals and Supplies purchased for the use of the Laboratory in connection with this Bureau amounting to \$40.⁰⁰ has been approved, and

referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

R. B. Harrison, Esq.

September 1st, 1882.

Assayer Helena.

Sir:

C. D. No. 1117 for \$244.⁸⁵ being on account of sweeps of your institution fiscal year 1882 enclosed in communication of the Supt U. S. Assay Office has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as "a miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint U. S.
New Orleans.

September 1st, 1882.

Sir:

C. D. No. 179 for \$1.⁴⁵ being on account of proceeds of sale of old material enclosed in your communication of the 29th ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury. No personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as "a miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint, U. S.
New Orleans

September 1st. 1882.

Sir:

C. D. No. 178 for \$3.-, being on account of Assays of ores enclosed in your communication of the 29th ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary. No personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as "a miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

A. Loudew Snowden Esq.
Supt. Mint, Phila.

September 1st. 1882.

Sir:

C. D. No. 5575 for \$1426.⁶³ being on account of unexpended balance of App'ts. 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 30th ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the Appropriations named in the certificate.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

W. S. Thompson Esq.
Pharmacist,

September 1st. 1882.

703, 15th St. City.

Sir:

Your bill of the 9th ultimo for Chemicals purchased for the use of the Laboratory in connection with this Bureau, amounting to \$42.96, has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting

officers of this Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Sup't. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

September 1st, 1882.

Sir:

C. D. No. 5586 for \$71.¹⁶, being on account of charges other than refinery charges enclosed in your communication of the 2nd ultimo has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your ^{bullion} accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston

Acting Director. ✓

Daily Evening Bulletin Co.
San Francisco, Cal.

September 1st, 1882.

Sir:

Your bill of the 18th of May, 1882, for advertising proposals for Mint Supplies, amounting to \$45.⁷² has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston. ✓

Acting Director.

H. Silver, Esq.
Assayer, Denver Mint,
Sir:

September 1st, 1882

C.D. No. 5581 for \$ 974.⁷² being on account of profits - fiscal year 1882, enclosed in communication of the Supt. Mint. Phila. has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

C. F. Burton, Esq.
Supt. Mint.
San Francisco.

September 1st, 1882.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year 1882, bill of the "Daily Evening Bulletin," for advertising for proposals for supplies amounting to \$45.⁷².

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. U.S. Mint San Francisco,
Sir:

September 1st, 1882.

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of September 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$25,000 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during

the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries, 1883, \$ 3.000

Wages of Workmen 1883. 22.000

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

Thos. Riggles, Esq.
Pa. Ave & 19th St.
City.

September 1st 1882,

Sir:

Your bill of the 1st inst. for 1 bag salt purchased for the use of the Laboratory in connection with this bureau, amounting to \$1.⁰⁰ has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

September 1st, 1882,

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Carson for the month ending June 30, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

See Memo. on abstracts

Lieut. Col. Richard H. Bachelder
Deputy Quartermaster General,
Washington.

September 1st. 1882.

Sir:

I respectfully request that you will furnish me with such information in regard to the reported defalcation of Mr. J. F. Brodhead, the chief clerk of your office in San Francisco, as will enable me to determine whether or not he is a suitable person to receive from the United States the sum of \$300,- appropriated by Congress in the Deficiency Act approved Aug. 5th 1882, to compensate him for his services as secretary of the Commission which investigated certain charges against Mr Harey L. Dodge, Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco in July and August of last year.

If Mr Brodhead is indebted to the Government of course he cannot be paid this money; but if not, or if he made good the reported defalcation while serving under you, I know of no reason why the amount should not be paid him.

The information desired is solely for the purpose of determining the propriety and legality of stating an account in his favor of the amount named.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Peckton.

Acting Director.

Supt Mint U. S.
Philadelphia.

September 1st, 1882.

Sir:

C. D. No. 5585 for \$ 647. 68, being on account of refinery charges enclosed in your communication of the 2nd ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the Appropriation for Parting & Refining Bullion.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

James Crawford Esq.
Supt. Mint.
Carson.

September 1st, 1882.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinar and Refinery Expense Accounts for the month ending June 30, 1882, with my approval except the Refinery Roll upon which occurs an overpayment of \$1. 50 to H. B. Slocomb, which amount you will cause him to refund, and charge yourself with the same in your next account as a disallowance.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

A. Lowden Snowden, Esq. September, 2nd, 1882.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

The number of standard silver dollars to be coined by your Mint during the month of September has been fixed for one million pieces.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

A. Lowden Snowden, Esq. September, 2nd 1882.
Supt Mint.
Phila.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury has requested that there be struck for John Kuesey, of New York City, a duplicate of the gold life-saving medal awarded him March 28th 1878.

The following inscription was borne on the reverse side of the original: "To John Kuesey, for rescuing on two occasions persons from drowning at the great peril of his life, Feby, 15th and 16th, 1877."

You will please cause this medal to be struck as early as possible and forwarded to this office together with your account for the same.

A case is not desired for the medal.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

A. Walters, Esq.
Assayers in charge
U. S. Assay Office,
Bowie City,
Idaho.

September, 2nd 1882,

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 22nd ultimo reporting the worn condition of one of the carpets in your office, and requesting permission to replace it with a new one, I have to say that you are authorized to make the necessary purchase at a cost not to exceed \$45.00. The worn carpet will be sold and the gross proceeds paid into the Treasury on account of sale of old materials.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston

Acting Director, ✓

Handy & Prosser:
24 Nassau St.
New York City.

September, 2nd 1882.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your telegram of this day, I have to state that verification of the signature of the Superintendent of the New Orleans Mint, was forwarded to the Assistant Treasurer at New York to day.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

✓

Southwick Guthrie, Esq.

September 2nd 1882.

Representative of the Union Pacific R. R. Co.,
Room 91, Corcoran Building,
City.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement bill of the Central Pacific Railroad, dated San Francisco, Cal., December 31st 1881, amounting to \$58.²⁵ for transportation of Mint supplies from Ogden to San Francisco and San Francisco to Reno, in the months of November and December 1881, also a bill of the Kansas Division of the Union Pacific Railroad for the transportation from Kansas City to Denver in the month of July 1881, of certain supplies shipped the Mint at Denver, amounting to \$209.⁸²

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

James Crawford, Esq.

September 2nd 1882.

Supt. Mint.

Carson.

Sir:

The number of standard silver dollars to be coined by your Mint during the month of September has been fixed for seventy-five thousand pieces.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

A. Louden Snowden, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

September 27th 1882.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Estimate of Expenditures required for the support of your Mint during the fiscal year 1883-84.

The references to volumes and statutes will be made in consolidating.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston.

Acting Director
✓

A. Louden Snowden, Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia.

September 27th 1882.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of September, 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$45,000⁰⁰, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries, 1883, \$4,000

Wages of Workmen, 1883, 25,000

Contingent Expenses, 1883, 6,000

Parting & Refining bullion 800

Coinage Standard Silver Dollars 10,000 \$45,800

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.
✓

A. Loudon Snowden Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

September 2nd / 1882.

Sir:

The War Department has requested that photographic copies of the designs of army marksmanship medals heretofore struck and those of which the dies are now in course of preparation at your Mint and I will thank you to cause these photographs to be made as early as practicable, as follows, viz:

1. 2. Photographic copies of the designs of the Army Department Marksmanship gold medal.
12. Photographic copies of the design of the Second Class prize, Army Division Marksmanship gold medal.
5. Photographic copies of the design of the Second Class Army Marksmanship gold medal.
- 3 Photographic copies of the design of the First prize Army Marksmanship gold medal.
- 3 Photographic copies of the design of the Third Class prize, Army Marksmanship silver medal.
- 3 Photographic copies of the design of the First prize, Army Division Marksmanship gold medal.
3. Photographic copies of the design of the Third Class prize, Army Division Marksmanship silver medal.

The photographs of the designs of which the dies are now being prepared will be furnished first.

You will transmit your account in duplicate for expenses incurred by you for having these photographs made to this Office.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

A. Louden Snowden, Esq.
Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia.

September 2nd 1882.

Sir:

Upon the application of Messrs. Handy and Cronise for an extension of time in which to deliver the silver sold by them on the 24th ultimo, for delivery at your Mint, I have extended the time for six days from Monday the 4th instant.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

E. F. Burton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

September 2nd 1882.

✓ Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

2 Books, Cornish Gold Workings,

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

E. F. Burton, Esq.
Supt. Mint,
San Francisco.

September 2nd 1882.

✓ Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1882. bill of the Star Union Line for transportation from Washington to

Chicago of three cases and three bundles of stationery in June of the present year, amounting to \$7.⁷²¹, I enclose herewith duplicate bill of lading.

I have also referred, for payment from the same appropriation, bill of the Central Pacific Railroad for transportation of supplies from Ogden to San Francisco, in December 1881, amounting to \$7.³⁵. Duplicate bills of lading were not forwarded to this Office with the latter account.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Fredk. Eckfeldt. Esq.
Carson City,
Nevada.

September 2nd 1882.

Sir:

I enclose herewith transportation order in your name, over the Central Pacific Railroad from Reno to Winnemucca, Nevada.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Greene, Handy & Cronise,
24 Nassau Street,
New York

September 2nd 1882.

Gentlemen:

In compliance with your request of the 1st instant I have extended the time for the delivery of the silver sold by you on the 24th ultimo for six days from the 4th instant.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

H. Silver, Esq.

September 2nd, 1882.Assayer in Charge,
Denver Mint.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30th-1882, bill of the Empire Line for transportation from Philadelphia to Chicago of certain supplies shipped you in May 1882, amounting to \$15.00 and bill of the Kansas Division of the Union Pacific Railroad for transportation of supplies shipped you in the month of July 1881, amounting to \$209.82.

I enclose duplicate bills of lading of the first account, duplicates were not forwarded with the other.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

H. Silver, Esq.

September 2nd 1882.Assayer in Charge,
Denver Colo.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
500 statements of production of gold and silver by the Mines of Colorado.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

James Crawford Esq.
Supt. Mint.
Carson.

September 2nd 1882.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, bills of the Central Pacific Railroad for transportation of supplies from San Francisco, to Reno in November and December 1881, consigned to your care, amounting to \$57.12, payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1882. I enclose duplicate bills of lading.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

A. W. Smyth Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
New Orleans, La.

September 2nd 1882.

Sir:

The number of standard silver dollars to be coined by your Mint during the month of September has been fixed for four hundred and twenty five thousand pieces.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

September 2nd 1882.

Coin during September eight hundred thousand silver dollars.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

September 2nd 1882.

One million silver dollars has been placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

✓

Dr. A. W. Smyth;
Supt. Mint.
New Orleans.

September 4th 1882.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement the Bullion Accounts of your predecessor, Mr M. V. Davis, for the period embraced between July 1st and August 19th 1882, inclusive.

I have amended the accounts by changing the entries of the balance on hand on the 19th of August to "amount transferred to A. W. Smyth" so that Mr Davis can receive credit for the same.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Dr. A. W. Smyth, Esq.
Supt. Mint.
New Orleans.

September 4th 1882.

Sir:

In special silver warrant, amounting to \$250.-, of Morgan's Louisiana and Texas Railroad and Steamship Company, for freight on fifteen boxes of specie to a National Bank in Laredo, Texas, accompanying Mr Davis' bullion Accounts for the period ending August 19th.

there is a charge of \$37.50 for expressage from Corpus Christi to Laredo, for which a receipted bill of the Express carrying the same should be furnished as a subvoucher to the bill of the Steamship Company.

I will thank you to obtain the same and forward it to this Office, so that there may be no delay in the settlement of Mr Davis' Accounts.

Very Respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

A. W. Smyth,

Supt. Mint.

New Orleans,

September, 4th 1882,

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of one hundred and sixty thousand seven hundred and ninety-five dollars and twenty eight cents (\$160,795.²⁸) to be deposited in your name in the Treasury of the United States on account of profits on the coinage of Standard Silver Dollars, and that the Ballion Fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

This sum is the balance of profits on the coinage of silver dollars on hand at your Mint June 30th 1882.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

James Cranford, Esq.
Supt. Mint.
Carson.

September, 4th, 1882.

Sir:

Your abstracts of disbursements on account of ordinary expenses for the month of June, just received, shows that you have expended \$4.42 for incidentals from the appropriation for Wages of Workmen, which is in violation of law.

In order that this may be corrected, I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$4.42 from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1882.

As soon as a draft for the amount is received, you will charge yourself with it as an advance and render your account accordingly.

I return herewith the two abstracts of disbursements and accounts current for June forwarded, so that you may correct the balances on them.

You will please deposit to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States the sum of \$6.75, unexpended balance of the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for 1881, and \$763., unexpended balance of appropriation for Wages of Workmen for the fiscal year 1882.

Very respectfully,
R. C. Preston,
Acting Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

September 4th 1882.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 2nd inst, transferring W. M. B. White from the position of Laborer in the Sarsap Bellar to Melter in the Melter and Refiners Department with a reduction of 2.58 per diem in his pay, I desire to know whether the reduction is intentionally made.

In the Melter & Refiners Letter of the 1st inst, requesting the transfer, the man is spoken of as having been fully tried for a year past and to have been found efficient.

With this record a reduction in pay seems unusual and I cannot but think that it may be the result of an oversight. I wait your reply before approving the transfer.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

C. J. Cowlee, Esq.
Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office.
Charlotte, N. C.

September 4th 1882.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Estimate of Appropriations required for the support of your institution during the fiscal year 1883-84.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Hon. C. J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Sir:

September, 4th 1882,

I have the honor to request that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of G. W. Smyth, Superintendent of the Mint of the U. S. at New Orleans, the sum of one hundred and sixty thousand seven hundred and ninety-five dollars and twenty eight cents (\$160,795.²⁸), on account of profits on the coinage of Standard Silver Dollars; and that the Bullion Fund of said Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Presb'n,

Acting Director.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department,
Sir:

September 4th 1882,

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans for the period ending Aug. 19, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Presb'n,

Acting Director.

Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

September 4th - 1882

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$7000.- to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

September 4th 1882.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of September, 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$6099.⁵⁰, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries, 1883. \$3199.⁵⁰

Wages of Workmen, 1883. 2000.-

Contingent Expenses 1883, 900.-

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Washington Gas Light Co.
413 - 10th St.
City.

September, 4th, 1882,

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 3rd ult. for 40 bushels of coke purchased for the use of the laboratory in connection with this Bureau, amounting to \$3.72 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

E. F. Burton, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

September 5th, 1882,

Sir:

✓ I have to acknowledge the receipt of your statement of silver purchased at your mint from August 14th to August 19th, 1882.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

E. F. Burton, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco,

September 5th, 1882,

Sir:

✓ The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

2 Books Coiners Silver Workings.

1 Book Silver Ledger.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston, Acting Director.

Hon. A. Loudon Snowden.
Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

September 5th 1882.

Sir:

The following coins received during the month of August at your Mint for special assay and transmitted to this office have been received, viz:

2 Eagles	\$ 20. 00
3 Standard Silver Dollars.	<u>3. 00</u>
Total value.	\$ 23. 00

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. Loudon Snowden Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia.

September 5th 1882.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Refinery & Standard Silver Dollar Expense accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending July 31st, 1882. Also of your supplemental Ordinary &c for June 1882,

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia, Pa.

September 5th 1882

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 2nd inst. concerning cashiers daily statements for the use of your Mint, I have to say that the completion of this blank has been made special by the stationery Division of the Department and that they will likely be sent tomorrow.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.
Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia,

September 5th 1882

Sir:

I have requested that you will cause to be prepared and forwarded to the U. S. Mint at San Francisco as early as practicable the following dies; ten (10) obverse and fifteen (15) reverse Standard Silver Dollar of the current calendar year.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

✓

T. K. Jones, Esq.
 Courier of U. S. Mint.
 New Orleans.

September, 5th - 1882.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 8th ult., inquiring whether the Superintendent has the right to discharge persons employed in your department without your consent, I have to inform you that the Superintendent has the right to discharge any person employed in the Mint, except a commissioned officer, subject only to the approval of this Office.

Section 3508 of the Revised Statutes provides that "the Superintendent of each Mint shall have the control thereof, the superintendence of the officers and persons employed therein, and the supervision of the business thereof, subject to the approval of the Director of the Mint."

In regard to the removals complained of by you, I have to inform you that the Superintendent was directed by me to reduce the force within the appropriations, and his attention was especially directed to the fact that the force of the General and Coiners departments could be very properly reduced, as it appeared to be in excess of the requirements of the service.

Very respectfully,
 R. E. Preslow,
 Acting Director.

Dr A. W. Smyth
Supt. Mint,
New Orleans,

September, 5th 1882,

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information
a copy of a letter received from the Comr.
of your Mint and my reply thereto, which
I will thank you to hand him.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director,

Telegram.

Dr A. W. Smyth,
Superintendent U. S. Mint,
New Orleans,

September 5th 1882,

The removals submitted in your letter of the
thirty first ultimo are hereby approved, except
Mrs A. Hill, which is disapproved.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram.

Assayer Helena Montana,

September 5th 1882,

The first sheet of your Bullion Account for
the Second Quarter eighty two including the
"Deposit" and "Gold and Silver Bullion"
Accounts has been mislaid. Forward
another sheet.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Wm. L. Winthrop Esq.
No. 7 Cover Place,
San Francisco.

September 5th - 1882.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 1st instant, inquiring in relation to your application for a position in the San Francisco Mint, and would inform you that I fail to find that any such application has been received.

If it had been received it would have been referred to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, who by law is charged with the appointments in that Mint.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Messrs Jimmerson & Forshay,
19. Wall Street,
New York.

September 5th - 1882.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 4th instant, I have to state that the Chilean and Peruvian Silver Dollars referred to will be purchased and paid for as silver bullion, the same as other silver bullion. No charge would be made for melting or assaying.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

James Cranford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Carson.

September 5th 1882

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts with Abstracts and vouchers for the 2nd Quarter of the current calendar.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger:
Secretary of the Treasury.

September 6th 1882.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Hon. William Lawrence.

September 6th 1882.

First Comptroller.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from the Assayer in Charge of our Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. informing me that in your statement of his Bullion Accounts for the period embraced between the 1st of April and the 30th of September 1881

you had disallowed the amount of the charges which he had paid the Mint at Philadelphia, for the reason that he had not furnished the proper assay memoranda from the Philadelphia Mint of the bullion so transferred.

In order that this disallowance may be allowed I enclose herewith the memoranda received from the Philadelphia Mint covering the shipments and charges collected thereon during the period named.

I would state that it has not been the practice to furnish these memoranda with the accounts.

The Mint furnishes two memoranda of each shipment: one to the officer in charge making the shipment, which he retains for the information of his office, and the other to this Bureau, to enable us to have the proper transfer of funds made.

If you think it essential that the memoranda referred to should be forwarded with the accounts I will thank you to so inform me, in order that I may have duplicates issued by the Mint.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

C. J. Bowles, Esq.

Assayer in Charge,
Charlotte N. C.

September 6th - 1882.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 4th instant, in relation to the disallowance of the collection charges deducted at the Philadelphia Mint in settlement of your Bullion Accounts from March 8th to September 30th - 1881.

I have addressed a letter to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia requesting that hereafter he will furnish you with Duplicate

memoranda, one set of which you can forward with your accounts; and I have also forwarded to the First Comptroller duplicate memoranda covering the shipments embraced in the period referred to with the request that the disallowance be allowed.

I return herewith the memoranda forwarded by you.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

C. F. Burton, Esq.

Supt. Mint U. S.

San Francisco,

September 6th 1882,

Sir:

✓ I enclose herewith copy of a bill rendered by the Stationery Division of the Treasury Department for stationery furnished for the use of your Mint amounting to \$211.²² which I have this day approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from the Appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your mint for the fiscal year 1882.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

C. F. Burton, Esq.

Supt. Mint.

San Francisco,

September 6th 1882,

Sir:

✓ I have received your letter of the 29th ultimo, enclosing the original receipts passed by yourself to Mr Dodge on the 1st of July last, and they have

been referred to the First Auditor of the Treasury, to be placed with the Bullion Accounts of Mr Dodge for the quarter ended June 30th 1882.

The book keeper should have closed Mr. Dodge's accounts by an entry transferring the balance on hand to you, instead of leaving his accounts with a balance in them; but I presume that can be changed at the Department in the settlement of his accounts.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

A. Louden Snowden Esq.

September 6th 1882.

Supt. Mint.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I would respectfully request that you will furnish the Assay Office at Charlotte and the Mint at Denver with an original and a duplicate of memorandum of gold bullion deposited by them with you, as the Comptroller requires that one copy shall be forwarded as a voucher showing the charges paid you.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

A. Louden Snowden Esq.

September 6th 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

500 Cashier's statements No. 135.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

A. Lozden Snowders, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Phila. Pa.

September 6th 1882.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of yesterday, I return herewith communication of the Melted Refiner of your mint in relation to the transfer of Wm. B. White, to the position of Melted in his department.

Very respectfully,

B. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.
Assayer in Charge.
U. S. Assay Office.
Charlotte, N. C.

September 6th, 1882.

Sir:

✓ Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of September, 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$390.⁷⁶ payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries, 1883, \$ 224.10

Wages of Workmen, 1883,

Contingent Expenses, 1883, 166.66, \$390.⁷⁶

Very respectfully,

B. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

C. F. Burton, Esq.
 Supt. Mint. U. S.
 San Francisco.

September 6th 1882.

Sir:

I have requested this day that your bullion fund be increased by a transfer of 1,000,000 silver dollars, and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
 R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck
 Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
 New York.

September 6th, 1882.

Sir:

C. L. No. 1249 for \$257.⁸⁴ being on account of unexpended balances of Appropriations for Ordinary Expenses 1882, as follows: Salaries \$76.⁴¹ Wages \$169.⁷² Contingent Expenses \$11.⁶⁸, enclosed in your communication of the 5th instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the credit of the appropriations above mentioned.

Very respectfully,
 R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Pierre C. Van Wyck, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

September 6th 1882.

Sir:

I would be obliged if you would forward your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ended June 30th 1882, as soon as convenient.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preslon.

Acting Director. ✓

Dr A. W. Smyth,
Supt Mint.
New Orleans.

September 6th 1882.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with the request that the amount be paid from the appropriation contained in the first section of the Act authorizing the coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar, passed Feb. 28th 1878, a bill of the Adams Express Company for the shipment to your Mint, in July of the present year, of a transfer of silver bullion of the value of \$14,747.⁶³ the bill amounting to \$888.²³.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preslon.

Acting Director. ✓

A. W. Smyth, Esq.
Supt. Mint.
New Orleans.

September 6th 1882.

Sir:

The following assay coins reserved during the month of August at your mint (since the commencement of your administration) for special assay and transmitted to this office have been received, viz:

2 Standard Silver Dollars. \$2.00.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Garson City, Nev.

September 6th 1882.

Sir:

C. D. No. 187. for \$83.00, being on account of One Assays during the 2nd Quarter 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 30th ultimo, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury. No personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

H. Silver, Esq.

September 6th 1882,

Assayer in Charge.

U. S. Mint, Denver, Col.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of September, 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$2500.⁰⁰, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1883,	\$ 1000
Wages of Workmen,	1883,	1000
Contingent Expenses,	1883,	500
		<u>\$2500.⁰⁰</u>

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.

September 6th 1882,

Assayer in Charge.

U. S. Assay Office.

St. Louis.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of September, 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$385.⁴⁰, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1883,	\$ 285. ⁴⁰
Wages of Workmen,	1883,	
Contingent Expenses,	1883,	100. ⁰⁰
		<u>\$385.⁴⁰</u>

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Telegram Gimmerman & Forshay September 7th 1882.
 19 Wall Street, New York;
 You must offer at a fixed price per ounce fine for
 silver contained.
 R. E. Preston.
 Acting Director. ✓

Telegram Handy & Cronise September 7th 1882.
 24 Nassau St.
 New York.
 Your offer for Philadelphia and New Orleans
 accepted.
 R. E. Preston
 Confirmed Acting Director. ✓

Telegram Gimmerman & Forshay September 7th 1882.
 19 Wall Street, New York.
 Your offer accepted.
 R. E. Preston.
 Confirmed Acting Director. ✓

Telegram Anglo California Bank, September 7th 1882.
 San Francisco, Cal.
 Your offer declined.
 R. E. Preston.
 Confirmed Acting Director. ✓

Telegram Boston and Colorado Smelting Company, September 7th 1882.
 Denver, Colorado.
 Offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred, four-
 teen and sixty-five hundredths cents per ounce fine.
 R. E. Preston.
 Confirmed Acting Director. ✓

Telegram Superintendent Mint. September 7th 1882.
New Orleans, La.

✓ Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and fourteen and one half cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston

Confirmed

Acting Director. ✓

Telegram Nevada Bank. September 7th 1882.
San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer declined.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director. ✓

Telegram Superintendent Mint. September 7th 1882.
Carson, Nevada.

✓ Offer of Williams declined.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director. +

Telegram Superintendent Mint. September 7th 1882.
San Francisco, Cal.

✓ Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and fourteen and one half cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director. ✓

Telegram Superintendent Mint. September 7th 1882.
New Orleans, La.

✓ Receive from Boston & Colorado Smelting Company forty-five thousand ounces from Handy & Brown's eighty-five thousand ounces both at one hundred fourteen and sixty-five hundredths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director |

Telegram Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nev.

September 7th 1882.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred
fourteen and one half cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director. ✓

F. T. Wilson, Esq.

September 7th, 1882.

Corresponding Secretary.

Garfield Monument Fund.

Room 94, Ebbitt House.

Sir:

I have received your communication of the
1st instant enquiring in relation to striking of
medals by the Mint for awards at the National
Bazaar and Art Exposition, to be held at the U.S.
Capitol this winter, and have referred the same
to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia
with the request that he will furnish a report
thereon. As soon as I hear from him, I will
communicate with you further on the subject.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

September 7th 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Carson.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use
have been mailed you this day, viz:

100 Pay rolls for wages of workmen.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Dr A. W. Smyth,
Supt Mint U. S.
New Orleans. La.

September, 7th, 1882,

Sir:

The appointment of F. F. Clausen, Assistant Assayer, to act as Assayer of your Mint during the temporary absence of that Officer, submitted in your letter of the 4th instant, is hereby approved.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Henry Troemner, Esq.
710. Market St.
Philadelphia.

September 7th 1882,

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 5th instant, enclosing duplicate receipted bills for a five-thousand-ounce bullion balance and a set of weights, shipped the U. S. Mint at Carson on that date, amounting to \$1387.⁵⁰. The bill has been sent to the Superintendent of the Mint at Carson with instructions to send you a draft for the same when the articles arrive.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint.
Carson.

September 7th, 1882.

Sir:

I enclose herewith duplicate receipted bill of Henry Troemner, of Philadelphia, for one five-thousand-ounce bullion balance and a set of

brass weights, amounting to \$1387.⁵⁰

I have requested that an advance of \$1387.⁵⁰ be made you from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year to be placed with the Assistant Treasurer at New York.

Upon receipt of the balance and weights in proper condition you will please forward Mr Froemmer a draft on New York for the amount.

I will thank you to inform me whether you would like to have Mr Clark, the adjuster of scales at San Francisco Mint, come to Carson and erect this balance, and adjust the other scales of your Mint. If you would, please inform me by telegraph upon receipt of this and I will issue the necessary order for him to go there.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. Louden Snowden, Esq.
Superintendent U.S. Mint
Philadelphia.

September 7th 1882.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of—

Grimmerman & Forehay 10,000 Ounces, at \$1.1425.

Handy & Gronise, 65,000 Ounces, at \$1.1463.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

L. W. Culbertson, Esq.

September 7th 1882.

Gen'l Manager Santa Clara Mining Co.
Rico, Colo.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 27th ultimo, I have to state that the price paid for silver bullion varies from time to time according to the market rate.

Silver bullion in lots of 10,000 ounces or over is purchased upon bids received by this Office every Thursday until 2 o'clock P.M. the most favorable ^{offer} to the Government being always accepted.

Offers can be made by letter or telegraph but are in nearly all cases made in the latter manner, all parties being notified by telegraph of the acceptance or rejection of their offers.

The superintendent of the coinage mints at Philadelphia, San Francisco, New Orleans and Carson, are authorized to purchase silver bullion in lots of less than 10,000 ounces at a price fixed from time to time by this Office: today the price is as follows, viz:
Philadelphia 114 cents, San Francisco 114.50 cents
New Orleans 114.70 cents, and Carson 114.70 cents
per ounce fine, payment in all cases made in standard silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York payable in such coin.

You can offer to deliver at either of the coinage mints and in case of the acceptance of your offer the bullion should be forwarded direct to the Mint at which you offer to deliver free of all expense to the Government.

I enclose circulars relative to this subject
for your information.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

September 8th 1882,

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will
cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the
United States in the name of James Crawford,
Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson, the
sum of seventy-seven thousand and eighty-five
dollars and sixty-five cents (\$77,085.⁶⁵), on ac-
count of profits on the coinage of standard silver
dollars, and that the Bullion Fund of said
Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon. C. J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

September, 8th 1882,

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion
Fund of the Mint of the United States at Denver,
Colorado, be increased fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000),
by a transfer of that amount, and that the same
be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of
said Mint with the Colorado National Bank at
Denver by telegraph.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint.
Carson.

September 8th 1882.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 8th ultimo, enclosing certificate of Deposit No. 197, for \$6.75.

The Certificate states on the face of it that it is for the balance of Contingent Expenses fiscal year 1881-2; but I presume it was intended, as your letter states, for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1881, and I have had it covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for that year.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston.

Acting Director ✓

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint.
Carson.

September 8th 1882.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of seventy-seven thousand and eighty-five dollars and sixty-five cents (\$77,085.65) to be deposited in your name in the Treasury of the United States on account of profits on the coinage of standard silver dollars, and that the Bullion Fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

This sum is the balance of profits on the coinage of silver dollars on hand at your Mint June, 30, 1882.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint.
Carson.

September 8th 1882

Sir:

Your attention is respectfully directed to Certificate of Deposit No. 196, forwarded on the 31st ultimo, for \$350.42, being charges collected during the fiscal year 1882 other than parting and refining.

The balance in your profit and loss account the account in which these charges are entered, on the 30th of June was \$1025.74. I will thank you to inform me what the remainder of this balance consisted of, as you have deposited only \$350.42 in the Treasury. The whole amount should have been deposited.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint.
Carson

September 8th 1882

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the department for examination and settlement your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ended June 30th, 1882.

I will thank you to omit the thousandths in entering the silver ounces in your accounts, as the Regulations provide that silver shall only be carried to two places, and the fraction of a hundredth gives me some trouble.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

September 8th 1882.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, bill of the Central Pacific railroad Company for the transportation of supplies for the use of your Mint from San Francisco and Ogden to Reno in February last, amounting to \$64.²³ payable from the following appropriations, viz:

Contingent Expenses, Carson Mint, 1882, \$25.⁰⁴
Parting & Refining bullion. 89.¹²

I enclose duplicate Rps for your information

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt Mint. Carson.

September, 8th 1882.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of September, 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$10.500 - payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries.	1883,	\$ 2500.-
Wages of Workmen	1883,	6000.-
Contingent Expenses.	1883,	2000.-

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint U. S.
Carson City.

September 8th 1882.

Sir:

C. D. No 196 for \$350.⁴², being on account of charges other than Printing & Refining fiscal year 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 31st ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury. personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
Carson City, Nev.

September 8th 1882.

Sir:

C. D. No 197 for \$6.⁷⁵, being on account of unexpended balance of Contingent appropriation 1881, enclosed in your communication of the 31st ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary Accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Repayment to the credit of the appropriation named.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Sup't Mint U. S.
Carson City, Nev.

September 8th 1882.

Sir:

C. L. No 195 for \$35.⁵⁵ being on account of charges other than Parting and Refining for July enclosed in your communication of the 8th ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given for in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be carried into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt"

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

James Cranford, Esq.
Sup't Mint, Carson.

September 8th 1882.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$1000 to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month. Payable from the appropriation for Parting & Refining bullion.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
Carson, Nev.

September 8th 1882.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your sup. Ordinary account for the month ending June 30th 1881. with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

First Auditor.

September 8th 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Supplemental Ordinary Account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson for the month ending June 30, 1881, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by Law.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

First Auditor.

September, 8th 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nev. for the Quarter ending June 30, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by Law.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.
Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

September 8th 1882.

Sir:

Referring to voucher J. in your supplemental account of Ordinary Expenses for the fiscal year 1882, bill of Wm. J. Murphy's Dues for stationery and blanks I will thank you to inform me of the character of the blanks mentioned in the bill as 100 Assessment Blanks.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.
Supt. Mint. Philadelphia.

September 8th 1882.

Sir:

C. D. No 5601 for \$100,000. - being on account of Minor Coinage profits, enclosed in your communication of the 6th instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous Receipt."

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director

P. C. Van Wyck, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

September 8th 1882.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day viz: 1000 Daily Statements No. 127.

Very Respectfully,

R. E. Preston Acting Director

Telegram Assayer in Charge, Mint.
Denver, Colorado.

September 8th 1882,

✓ Thirty thousand dollars will be placed to your credit with Colorado National Bank by wire today.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director

Telegram Superintendent Mint.
San Francisco,

September 8th 1882,

✓ There is no objection to purchasing it at today's rate, subject to the usual charges if for the interests of the Government.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram Assayer in Charge Mint.
Denver, Colorado,

September 8th 1882,

✓ The Treasurer upon reconsideration declines to place thirty thousand dollars to your credit by wire.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

H. Silver, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge,
Denver Mint.

September 8th 1882,

Sir:

✓ I have this day requested that your Bullion Fund be increased fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) by a transfer of that amount, and that the same be placed to your credit with the Colorado National Bank at Denver.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

E. F. Burton, Esq.
Supt Mint,
San Francisco.

September 8th 1882.

Sir:

The following coins received during August at your mint for special assay, and transmitted to this Office have been received, viz:

✓ 5 Double Eagles.	<u>\$104</u>
3 Standard Silver Dollars	<u>3</u>
Total Value.	<u>\$103.</u>

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

E. F. Burton Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco, Cal.

September 8th. 1882)

✓ Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement bill of the Central Pacific railroad Company for the transportation of supplies for the use of your Mint, from Ogden to San Francisco, in February last, amounting to \$202.72 payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your mint for the fiscal year 1882.

I enclose duplicate Rps. for your information.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.,
 Assayer, Helena.

September 8th, 1882.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of September, 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$2550.- payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1883,	<u>\$ 700 -</u>
Wages of Workmen,	1883,	<u>3,850 -</u>
Contingent Expenses,	1883,	<u>3,1000.</u>

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. Loudens Snowden, Esq.,
 Supt. U. S. Mint.
 Philadelphia, Pa.

September, 9th, 1882.

Sir:

I am informed by the Treasurer of the United States, that the limited amount of silver in the Treasury will soon be exhausted, as the demand for such coin is continuous and increasing; it is therefore desirable that you should commence the coinage of the silver recently authorized, as early as practicable in order that the Treasury may not be embarrassed for the want of such coin to meet the demand of the public.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Superintendent Mint U.S. September 9th 1882,
At Philadelphia.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of July, 1882, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

R. B. Harrison, Esq.
Assayer in Charge.
Helena.

September 9th, 1882

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ended June 30th-1882.

It will be necessary for you to furnish for the information of the accounting officers of the Department copies of your shipment statements covering the bullion shipped by you during the quarter, and also the Mint memoranda showing the net value of the same and the charges which they deduct. I believe the Comptroller requires the latter as vouchers before he will allow credit for the charges made at the Mint.

Hereafter, in taking receipts from the express company for money paid for transportation of bullion, I will thank you to forward a regular receipt filled out by the express company for the

amount paid them, instead of entering the amount on their receipt for the Bullion itself.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.

September 9th 1882

Assayer, Helena.

Sir:

C. D. No. 3717 for \$128.⁴⁴, being on account of Charges collected during quarter ended March 31st 82, enclosed in your Bullion accounts of the Second Quarter 1882, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.

September, 9th 1882

Assayer, Helena.

Sir:

C. D. No. 4030 for \$203.⁴⁴, being on account of Charges for quarter ended June 30, 1882, enclosed in your Bullion accounts of the Second quarter 1882, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

C. F. Burlington.

September 9th, 1882.

Supt. Mint.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.), from the appropriation for Collecting Mining Statistics for the current fiscal year, as requested in your letter of the 24th ult.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Superintendent Mint, U. S.

September 9th, 1882.

At San Francisco.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of July, 1882, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

P. C. Van Wyck, Esq.

September 9th, 1882.

Supt. Assay Office.

New York.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Abstracts and Vouchers for the Quarter ending June 30, 1882.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Dr. A. W. Smyth,
Supt. Mint, U.S.
New Orleans, La.

September, 9th 1882.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense accounts for the month ending August 31st 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

First Auditor,

September 9th 1882,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at New Orleans for the month ending August 31st, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

First Auditor,

September, 9th 1882,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Bullion accounts of the Assayer in Charge of the U.S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, for the Quarter ending June 30th, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

F. T. Wilson, Esq.
Corresponding Secretary,
Garfield Memorial Fund.
Room 94, Ebbitt House.

September 7th 1882.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information copy of a letter received from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia in relation to the request, contained in your communication of the 1st instant, to strike certain medals for awards at the National Bazaar and Art Exposition.

If you will furnish this Office with the information called for by the letter of Col. Snodden we will consider the matter further.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

A. Walters, Esq.
Assayer in Charge.
Boric City.

September 9th 1882.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Billion Accounts for the quarter ended March 31st 1882.

The value of the silver deposited for bars is calculated at the wrong rate; it should have been calculated at a dollar per standard ounce. Please bear this in mind in your future deposits of silver.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint. Sept. 9th 1882,
New Orleans, La.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred
fourteen and three tenths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint. September 9th 1882,
San Francisco, Cal.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred
fourteen and three tenths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint. September 9th 1882,
Carson, Nevada.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred
fourteen and three tenths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Superintendent Mint, U.S. September, 9th 1882,
At Carson City.

Sir;

I transmit herewith, the Assayer's report upon
special assay coins taken from the first deliveries
in each week at your Mint during the month
of July, 1882, and forwarded for test as prescribed
by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal
limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

E. C. Jenett, Esq.
Assayer in Charge.
St Louis, Mo.

September 9th 1882

Sir:

The following Blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

100 Assayers report upon ore, No. 221.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram Kandy & Cornise
24 Nassau Street.
New York.

September 9th 1882

Silver shipped by Jonaha Smelting Company to Philadelphia Mint, will be applied on your last sale for delivery at that Mint.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram Ginsmerman & Horshay
19 Wall Street, New York

September 9th 1882

You can forward Mexican dollars for balance.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Superintendent Mint, U.S.
At New Orleans,

September 9th 1882

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of July, 1882, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

H. Silver, Esq.
Assayer in Charge.
Denver Mint.

September 7th 1882.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 2nd ultimo, in relation to the Bullion Fund of your Mint, I have to request that you will transmit to the Treasurer of the United States, your check for twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), the balance standing to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York, and debit the same in your Bullion Accounts as a transfer of funds.

Should you have drawn any checks against this amount since the letter above referred to was written, you will please forward your check to the Treasurer for such a balance as may remain to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Prentiss,
Acting Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury

September 9th 1882.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Three Hundred and Eighty-seven ⁶²/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$387.62) in Gold Coin and Ten ¹⁴/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$10.84) in Silver Coin, making a total of Three Hundred and Ninety-eight ⁵³/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$398.53) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, for the coinage and shown by Memorandum No 1327,

dated Sept. 5th 1882, of Gold Bullion deposited
at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Frist Auditor.

September 9th 1882.

Treasury Department
Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination
and settlement, with my approval, the Bul-
lion Accounts of the Assayer in Charge of
the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho,
for the quarter ended March 31, 1882.

The Officers rendering the accounts have
taken credit as collection charges sent to
the Mint, for the amount which he collect-
ed, instead of the amount deducted at the
Mint. This has been the practice, but I have
instructed him hereafter to take credit for
the amount deducted by the Mint.

I trust there will be no objection to al-
lowing the entry in this account as rendered.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Capt. U. S. Mint.
New Orleans.

Sept. 11th 1882.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of 500,000 silver dollars the same to be placed to your credit with Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Pope Cole & Co.

Baltimore Md.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to state by wire the lowest price at which you will deliver, free on board the cars to the U. S. Quartermaster at Chicago, twenty tons of copper, viz:

Ten tons ingot copper, and ten tons in slabs, the latter to be of the same dimensions as that furnished the San Francisco Mint sometime since by you.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

A. Walters, Esq.

Assayer Boise City.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, Abstracts and vouchers, for the month ending Aug 31, 1882.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.
Pocci City.

Sept. 11. 1882.

Sir;

I have examined your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ended June 30th 1882. I am surprised to find so large a loss as the amount for which you claim credit in your accounts \$2.50 for differences in assays of Bullion shipped the Mint at San Francisco. There is no good reason why your assays should not be made so accurate, and with a sufficient margin to protect yourself from any loss on account of re-assays at the Mint at San Francisco. Before this loss can be allowed, it will be necessary for you to furnish a statement showing in detail the value of each shipment to the Mint during the year as determined at your institution, and the value allowed by the Mint, with the loss and gain on each.

I would also enquire whether there have been no gains of any kind, either in weights or gains, or differences in charges between your institution and the Mint at San Francisco, during the year except the \$6.09 profits on transportation.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.
Pocci City.

Sept. 11. 1882.

Sir;

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of September 1882 has been approved for the sum of \$75.00, payable from the following appropriation made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year viz:

Salaries	<u>\$244 60</u>
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Wages of workmen	<u>505.40</u>
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Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Sept. 11, 1882.

Carson.

Sir;

CK No 212 for \$25.74 being on account of charges other than for
 parting & refining in August, enclosed in your communication of
 the 4th inst, has been received, properly endorsed, and
 forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to
 be given you in your future accounts and the amount to
 be carried into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Sept. 11, 1882.

Carson City, Nev.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Refining
 and Silver dollar Expense accounts abstracts and vouchers,
 for the month ending July 31, 1882.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Sept. 11, 1882.

Carson City, Nev.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your supplemental
 refining expense account abstracts and vouchers for the
 month ending June 30, 1882.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Sept. 11. 1882.

Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

C/O. No. 213 for \$1359.78 being on account of refining charges for August, enclosed in your communication of the 4th instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for parting & refining Bullion.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

Sept. 11. 1882.

Helena. Mont.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense account with abstracts and vouchers for the month ending July 31st 1882.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Luttrell & Wini.Sept. 11th 1882.

1930 Pa. Ave.

Washington.

Gentlemen

Your bill of the 5th instant for covers for instruments purchased for the use of the Laboratory in connection with this Bureau amounting to \$25 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement. In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

W. P. Mitchell Esq.

Sept. 11. 1882.

41 Union Square.

New York City.

Sir;

I have received your dispatch of this date inquiring if "Mr Clemi Calm" has been discharged from the New Orleans Mint. No person of this name has ever been employed in that Mint. But, Mrs Clementina Calm, to whom I presume your dispatch refers, was discharged on the 1st. inst.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Sup't. Mint.

Sept. 11. 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 7th instant enclosing the bill of the Mexican National Express for freight on five boxes of Silver, as requested in my letter of the 4th instant, and forwarded the same to the First Auditor of the Treasury, to be placed with the Bullion Accounts of Mr Davis for the period ended August 19th as a sub voucher.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Sup't. Mint.

Sept. 11. 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I will thank you to inform me how you arrive at the parting and refining charges \$1931.49 and the miscellaneous charges \$324.62 entered in your deposit account and carried to the credit of parting and refining and "profit and loss" accounts respectively in your Bullion accounts for the quarter ended June 30th 1882.

According to the Abstract Sheet the parting and

refining charges amounted to \$2103.35 and the miscellaneous charges to \$382.76. I would also enquire why it was that you deposited in the Treasury \$382.76 miscellaneous charges, which is more than you have entered in the account as collected during the quarter and more than twice as much as the abstract shows you have collected; and why you have deposited \$2874.35 as refining charges during the quarter which is \$423.85 more than the charges entered in that account.

I presume there must have been some good reason for these differences, which does not appear from the face of the accounts, of which it is necessary that I should know before I can approve these entries.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

Sept. 11. 1882.

St. Louis.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expenses account abstracts and vouchers for the month ending August 31. 1882.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon C. J. Folger

Sept. 11. 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith two original certificates of deposit made by the assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, with the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco, one on Feb 4th for \$141.26 and the other on Feb 13th for \$194.17 with the request that the same be cancelled as they were deposited in error.

In lieu thereof, I have to request that you will deposit in the name of A. Mottus, Assayer at Boise City \$122 of the amount on account of collections for assays of ores and refund to him the difference \$213.43

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.

Sept. 11, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the U.S. Mint at New Orleans be increased in the sum of Two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. at New York.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

A. Mottus Esq.

Sept. 11, 1882.

Assayer in Charge.
Boise City.

Sir:

Referring to certificates of deposit No 544 and 562 for \$141.26 and 194.17 respectively made by you with the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco the 4th and 13th of the present year. I have this day addressed a communication to the Secretary of the Treasury forwarding the originals of these certificates with the request that he will have them canceled, and in lieu thereof that he will deposit in the Treasury in your name the sum of \$122 being the amount collected by you for assays of ores during the first and second quarter of the present calendar year, and refund to you \$213.43

erroneously deposited. I enclose herewith a statement of the collections at your institution during the fiscal year 1882 of charges for melting and assaying and for assays of ores and the amounts deposited in the Treasury on account thereof, from which it appears that your own charges amounted during the four quarters of the year to \$186.46 that you had a profit of \$6.09 on account of transportation, making \$191.55 and a loss of \$82.68 at the Mint at San Francisco, leaving \$108.87, which you should have deposited in the Treasury on account of your own charges.

You deposited on Feb 20th \$73.23 and \$51.13, making \$124.36 or \$15.49 in excess of the amount, with which you stood charged.

As these two amounts \$51.13 and \$73.23 have been covered into the Treasury, this error cannot be rectified in your accounts for the fiscal year 1882. But in your accounts for the current quarter, instead of depositing the full amount of your own charges collected during the quarter, you will deduct \$15.49 already deposited.

You collected for assays of ores during the year, as shown by your report \$199, of which you deposited in the Treasury Feb 20th \$38, and \$39, making \$77, leaving a balance due from you from this source of \$122, which amount I have requested the Secretary to deposit in your name from the proceeds of the two certificates of deposit which are to be cancelled.

These errors are very annoying, entirely unnecessary, and I trust will not occur again.

I return herewith the duplicates of certificates of deposit Nos 544 and 562.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Telegram

Assayer in Charge Mint.
Denver, Colorado.September, 12th 1882.

✓ Colorado National Bank instructed by mail on Saturday last to place thirty thousand dollars to your credit which should reach you to-morrow. Instructions to place twenty thousand dollars more sent today.

Confirmed

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director, ✓

Telegram

Superintendent Mint.

Sept. 12. 1882.

Carson, Nevada.

✓ Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and fourteen cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director. ✓

Similar telegram to.Superintendent Mint.
New Orleans.Superintendent Mint.
✓ San Francisco.Treasury Auditor.

Sept. 12. 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

✓ I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the supplemental, Ordinary Expense account of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia for the month ending June 30. 1882. rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Treasury Auditor.

Sept. 12. 1882.

Treasury Dept.

Sir:

✓ I transmit herewith for examination and settlement

the Ordinary, Refining and Standard silver dollar expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia for the month ending July 31st 1882. rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
Carson.

Sept. 12, 1882.

Sir:

I send you by to day's mail, two hundred copies of monthly statement No 193, of Silver Bullion, purchases, coinage and transfers. As you will notice, I have changed the form somewhat, and I will thank you to use this form in the place of those heretofore in use at your mint; also to forward with your Bullion accounts each quarter duplicates of the three monthly statements rendered during the quarter covered by your accounts.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Cassier in Charge
Denver, Mint.

Sept 12, 1882.

Sir:

I have this day requested that your Bullion Fund be increased fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) by a transfer of that amount, and that the same be placed to your credit with the Colorado National Bank at Denver.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon William Lawrence.

Sept. 12. 1882.

Treasury Comptroller.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the charge collected at the assay offices upon bullion deposited for coin, and the credits which they claim in their collection accounts for the charges forwarded the Mint with the same bullion.

I have already instructed the assayer in charge to adopt a uniform practice in regard to taking credit for the charges included in the bullion forwarded the Mint, namely, the amount imposed by the Mint to which the bullion is shipped, but the accounts to which my letter of the 6th instant referred were rendered prior to the receipt of the instructions from this office on the subject.

In all accounts rendered after the first of July of the present year the charges for which they take credit will be there deducted by the Mint to which the bullion is shipped and the Mint memoranda will be sent with the accounts.

As the assay offices at Helena, Boise City and Charlotte have, up to the 30th of June last taken credit for the amount collected of the depositors, and shipped the Mint, instead of the charges imposed at the Mint, and as the differences are settled, in either case, at the end of the year in their "profit and loss" accounts. I trust there will be no objection to allowing the entries in the accounts as rendered.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Sep. 12. 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir;

The distances to the following places, mentioned in your letter of the 8th instant, have been verified with the following result, namely: ^{Cross, Texas 517 miles. Crutcher, Texas 425 miles.} To Caldwell, Texas, 476 miles; Dawson, Georgia 488 miles; Henrietta, Texas, 680 miles; Hillsboro, Texas, 714 miles; Kaufman, Texas 662 miles.

The distance to Caldwell was previously verified, and is on the list furnished you, and is 476 miles, instead of 519, as given in your letter. You will also notice that the distance to Hillsboro is 714 miles, instead of 920, as given in your letter, and that the distances to the other places agree with those given in your letter.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Quiclor.

Supt. Mint.

Sept. 12. 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir;

I send you by to day's mail two hundred copies of monthly statement No 193, of silver bullion purchases, coinage and transfers. As you will notice, I have changed the form somewhat, and I will thank you to use this form in the place of those heretofore in use at your Mint, also to forward with your bullion accounts each quarter, duplicate of the three monthly statements rendered during the quarter covered by your accounts.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Quiclor.

Similar letter addressed to.Supt. Mint.

✓ Philadelphia.

Supt. Mint.

✓ San Francisco.

Supt. Mint.

Sept. 12. 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Refining & Std Silver dollar & accounts for the month ending July 31st 1882 with my approval, also, your supplemental Ordinary account for the month of June 1882.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quiclor.

Messrs Pope, Cole & Co.

Sept. 12. 1882.

7 South Gay Street.

Baltimore.

Gentlemen,

Your offer to furnish ten tons of best commercial copper in pigots and ten tons in slabs, at eighteen cents per pound, to be delivered free on board the cars to the U. S. Quartermaster at Chicago for shipment to the San Francisco Mint is accepted.

I will thank you to forward the copper to Col C. N. Thompson, Quartermaster at Chicago who has this day been requested to receive and forward the same.

You will transmit your account in duplicate, with Quartermaster's receipt, to this office. You will render separate bills for the copper in pigots and that in slabs, as they are payable from distinct appropriations.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quiclor.

Hon C. J. Folger.

Sept. 12. 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the Mint of the United States at Denver, Colorado, be increased fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) by a transfer of that amount, and that the same be placed to the credit of the assayer in charge of said Mint with the Colorado National Bank at Denver.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.

Sept. 12. 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colorado to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of sixty one thousand seven hundred and forty one ³⁸/₁₀₀ dollars (\$61,741.38) in gold coin, and seven hundred and eight ¹⁰/₁₀₀ dollars, (\$708.10) in silver coin, making a total of sixty two thousand four hundred and forty nine ⁴⁸/₁₀₀ dollars (\$62,449.48) being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver for coinage as shown by memorandum No 1338, dated Sept. 6, 1882, of gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Sept 12. 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I return herewith lead pencil memoranda enclosed in your letter of the 5th instant, in relation to errors in the Bullion Accounts.

As it is not addressed to this Office, I presume it was inadvertently forwarded with your letter.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.
Assayer in Charge.
St Louis, Mo.

September 12th 1882.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

50 Account Currents. No. 54.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston.

Acting Director

Col. C. H. Tompkins,
Asst. Quartermaster General, U.S.A.
Chicago, Ill.

September 12th 1882.

Sir:

I have this day requested Jenners Pope, Cole & Co. to deliver to you twenty (20) tons of copper, free on board the cars at Chicago, for shipment to the U.S. Mint at San Francisco, which I will thank you to receive and forward, as provided in General Orders No. 66 dated July 24th 1876.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.Sept. 13th 1882.Denver Mint.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year, bill of the Stationary Division of the Treasury Department for stationery furnished you during the month of July 1882, amounting to \$23.98. I transmit herewith for your information a duplicate bill.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston

Acting Director.

Similar letter except in the amount to,Assayer in Charge.Sept. Mint.

✓ St. Louis, Amt of bill \$8.22.

Phil. Amt of bill \$154.94

Assayer in Charge.

Sept. 18. 1882.

Charlotte N. C.

Sir:

✓ The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day.

22. Assayer's note books.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston

Acting Director.

A. R. Listerini Esq.

Sept. 13. 1882.

Cullman Ala.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 8th instant addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury and referred to this office, relative to the value of the silver dollar of 1878. with eight tail feathers. I have to state that upwards of one million of these pieces were coined and are not worth more than other coins of the same denomination.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston Acting Director.

Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

Sept. 13. 1882.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your supplemental Ordinary Expense Account, Abstracts and vouchers for the month ending June 30th 1882.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

Sept. 13. 1882.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refining Expense, Accounts Abstracts and vouchers for the month ending August 31. 1882.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sept. 13. 1882.

Sir;

I have finished the examination of your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ended June 30th 1882, and find them correct with the exception of two matters, one of which I wrote you about on the 11th inst. namely that the charges collected during the quarter as shown by the abstract ~~checks~~ were not properly divided between the "parting and refining" and "profit and loss accounts".

The other matter to which your attention is now directed is the charges deposited in the Treasury during the quarter for which this account is rendered.

The entries in your accounts are: "Parting and refining" charges deposited in the Treasury \$2874.35 "Profit and loss" miscellaneous charges deposited \$382.76.

The books of the Treasury Department show that during the quarter named the amount of parting and refining charges deposited by you was \$3,045.92 namely:

Certificate of Deposit	5'5'42	<u>\$710.45</u>
"	"	<u>942.86</u>
"	"	<u>738.16</u>
"	"	<u>654.45</u>
Total		<u>\$3,045.92</u>

If you will refer to your letter of the 13th of May last, copy enclosed, you will find that Certificate of Deposit 5'5'29 was originally made for \$566.59 but in accordance with the information contained in your letter of that date it was covered into the Treasury with a portion of Certificate of Deposit 5'5'30 as 738.16 and Certificate of Deposit 5'5'30 was covered into the Treasury as 45.52 miscellaneous charges.

The miscellaneous charges deposited in the Treasury during the quarter as shown by the books of the Department were as follows:

Certificate of Deposit	5'5'18.	<u>\$58.14</u>
"	"	<u>45.52</u>
"	"	<u>59.98</u>
"	"	<u>47.55</u>
Total		<u>\$211.19</u>

I do not see how it will be possible in view of these differences to check the entries in your accounts of charges deposited as correct. It is true that the sum of the parting and refining and miscellaneous charges deposited agrees with the sum of the parting and refining and miscellaneous charges as covered into the Treasury; but as one of them goes to the credit of an appropriation to be used in payment of the general expenses of parting and refining bullion in the Mints of the United States, and the Assay Office at New York, it is not only proper, but I think essential, that the right amount should be entered in each account.

I will await any explanation you may have to make before acting upon the accounts.

Very respectfully,
R. C. Preston, Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Sept. 13. 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

C/O. No 5603 for \$ 2115.28 being on account of parting and refining charges enclosed in your communication of the 12th instant has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for Parting and refining Bullion.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Sept 13th 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

C/O. No 5604 for \$ 257.26 being on account of melting, alloy, and bar charges enclosed in your communication of the 12th inst. has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt"

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Sep 13th 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day viz:

1 Melted and Refined Miscellaneous Bullion Book.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Thomas R. Knox Esq.

Sept. 13th 1882.

Room No 74 Nevada Block.

San Francisco.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 5th inst, in relation to the amount paid you for services as stenographer to the commission which investigated the management of the Mint in San Francisco last summer.

I would state for your information that your bill was approved by this Office as rendered in the letter of Governor Ramsey for \$462. but Congress saw fit to reduce the amount to \$1000. I cannot advise you as to what course you should adopt to secure the payment of the balance further than to say that Congress is the proper body to look to for its payment, as you were distinctly informed prior to the engagement of your services that there was no appropriation from which to pay you, and that you would have to look to Congress for compensation.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram Anglo California Bank.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sept. 14th 1882.

Your offer declined.

R. C. Preston

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram Boston^{2d} Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Sept. 14th 1882.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred fourteen and thirty six hundredths cents per ounce fine.

R. C. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director

Telegram Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sept. 14 " 1882.

Forward immediately statement of Earnings and Expenditures for quarter ended June thirtieth and statement for last fiscal year.

Confirmed

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Telegram Handy & Cronise

Sept. 14 " 1882.

24 Nassau Street,

New York.

Your offer for Philadelphia and New Orleans accepted.

Confirmed

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Telegram Daniel Meyer,
San Francisco.

Sept. 14th 1882.

Your offer accepted.

Confirmed

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint.

Sept. 14 " 1882.

New Orleans, La.

Receive from Boston^{2d} Colorado Smelting Company forty five thousand ounces at one hundred fourteen and thirty-six hundredths cents from Handy and Cronise one hundred thousand ounces at one hundred fourteen and thirty-four hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Confirmed

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint. Sept. 14" 1882.
 San Francisco, Cal.
 Receive from Daniel Meyer fifteen thousand ounces at one hundred fourteen and one quarter cents per ounce fine.
 R. E. Preston.
Confirmed. Acting Director.

First Auditor. Sept. 14" 1882.
 Treasury Department

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the month ending July 31st. 1882. rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law. See notes on Abstracts of disbursements.

Very respectfully,
 R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq. Sept. 14" 1882.
 Assayer in Charge.
 Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day,
 1 Gold Bullion receipt book,
 No. 7. I.

Very respectfully,
 R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint,
Carson,

September 14th 1882.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, enclosing estimates of appropriations required for the support of your Mint for 1884, and deficiency estimates for the current fiscal year.

The recommendations made in your letter submitting the estimates will be referred to the Director for his consideration upon his return.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Gen. S. V. Benet.
Chief of Ordnance

Sept. 14th 1882.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 2nd instant, I transmit herewith the following photographic copies of the designs of the Army Marksmanship medals, viz:

12 Copies of the design of the Army Department Marksmanship, Gold medal.

12 Copies of the design of the Second Class prize Army Division Marksmanship, gold medal.

5 Copies of the design of the Second Class Army Marksmanship, gold medal.

3 Copies of the design of the 1st prize Army Marksmanship gold medal.

3 Copies of the design of the 3rd Class prize Army Marksmanship, silver medal.

3 Copies of the design of the 1st prize Army Division Marksmanship, gold medal.

3 Copies of the design of the 2nd Class prize Army Division Marksmanship, silver medal.

I also enclose herewith for payment bills for photographing, amounting to \$10. with the request that you will cause a draft for the amount to be transmitted to A. Loudon Snowden Esq. Superintendent of U. S. Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer Charge
Havana.

Sep 14th 1882.

✓ Sir:

I have this day requested that the bullion fund of your office be increased by a transfer of ten thousand four hundred and twenty dollars \$10,420 and that the amount be transmitted you in silver coin of the following denominations \$10,000 in standard silver dollars 140 in dimes, and 280 in quarter dollar pieces.

I would state that owing to the limited amount of dimes now in the Treasury it is deemed inexpedient to transmit you more than such amount as is thought sufficient to meet the business requirements of your office. On account of the heavy express charges only such amount of quarters and other subsidiary coin will be sent as will enable you to make change in your official business transactions.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
New Orleans.

Sep 14. 1882.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 9th instant, forwarding a communication from the Comr of your Mint requesting the purchase of a separating machine.

In reply I would state that one of these machines will cost about eleven thousand francs. Before deciding whether or not to purchase it, I will thank you to investigate the subject and report whether in your judgement the force of adjusters at present employed in your Mint is insufficient to conveniently transact the business which they have to do, and whether the purchase of this machine is advisable.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

Sept. 14. 1882.

Sir;

I return herewith for correction, as indicated in pencil, your statement of "Earnings and Expenditures" for the quarter ended June 30th 1882.

You have omitted to indicate as an earning the sum of \$75.51 profit during the quarter on Lead Melts sold, and you have entered as an earning the sum of \$3.15 as amount received from "Assays of Ores and Bullion".

We have received no report from you of the amount collected from this source, or any Certificate of Deposit covering the amount, into the Treasury. You will please forward a report showing for whom the assays were made, and the amount received for each; and you will at the same time, deposit the amount in the Treasury and forward the original Certificate of Deposit to this Office as required by the regulations.

The expenditures for Contingent Expenses are entered

in your statement as \$3,427.31; the amount should be \$4,057.62

Please return the enclosed statement with the corrected one.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

Sept. 14. 1882.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst. transmitting the estimate of appropriations for 1884.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

Sept. 14. 1882.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

5000 Memoranda of silver bullion. No 43. C.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sept. 14. 1882.

Sir;

Purchases of silver bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties at the rate and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars to inst. of.

Nandy & Cronin. 150,000 ounces at \$1.1434.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Sept. 14, 1882.

Philadelphia

Sir;

In accordance with your dispatch of this date I return herewith your Bulletin Accounts for the quarter ended June 30th 1882. I repeat what was stated in my letter of the 11th inst that the charges shown by the total of the abstract sheets are; Parting and refining \$2103.35 Miscellaneous charges \$152.76.

If any portion of the alloy charge is embraced in the column of "parting and refining charges" so as to reduce the parting and refining charges to \$2103.04 as stated in your letter of yesterday it will be necessary to change the entries on the abstract sheets so that the totals will correctly show the charges from each source collected during the quarter. If the abstract sheets remain at as present, the correct amount to carry to the credit of "parting and refining" is \$2103.35 and to "profit and loss" \$152.76.

The debit entries in the parting and refining and profit and loss accounts should be, as stated in my letter of yesterday, namely; Parting and refining charges deposited in the Treasury \$3045.92 Miscellaneous charges deposited in the Treasury \$211.19.

I would suggest that the best way to make the changes in your accounts would be by erasing the amounts originally entered and substituting the correct ones. But my method agreeable to yourself which will correctly exhibit the transactions, may be adopted.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt Mint
Philadelphia

Sept. 14. 1882.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction your statement of "Earnings and Expenditures" for the quarter ended June 30th 1882.

The charges should be changed to the figures entered in pencil.

Please return this statement with the corrected one, to prevent the necessity of my rechecking all the other items.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sept. 14, 1882.

Sir:

I enclose herewith additional table of distances, to guide you in making payment for shipments of standard silver dollars to custom towns.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sept. 14. 1882.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia Pa. of the sum of One thousand three hundred and ninety $17\frac{1}{2}$ dollars (\$ 1390.17) in gold coin, and fourteen $64\frac{1}{2}$ dollars (\$ 14.64) in silver coin, making a total of One thousand four hundred and four $81\frac{1}{2}$ dollars (\$ 1404.81) being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte for coinage as shown by memorandum No 1361 dated Sep 11th 1882. of gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Hon C. J. Folger.

Sept. 14, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir;

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U.S Assay Office at Helena Montana be increased, five thousand four hundred and twenty dollars (\$10,420) by a transfer of that amount, and that of this sum \$10,000 in standard silver dollars be transmitted the assayer in charge by express, and that \$140 in dimes, and \$280 in quarter dollar pieces be transmitted him by registered mail.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Sept 14, 1882

San Francisco.

Sir;

C/S. No 206 for \$277.58, being on account of alloy charges for August 1882 enclosed in your communication of the 2nd inst. has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Sept. 14, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir.

C/S. No 207 for \$144.62 being on account of melting charges for August 1882 enclosed in your communication of the 2nd inst. has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully, R. C. Preston Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Sept. 14, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir:

✓ As recommended in your letter of the 7th instant you are hereby authorized to purchase four Crues Automatic boiler cleaners at a price not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200) each; referring to this letter as your authority.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

Sept. 14, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir:

✓ I have examined and referred to the proper accounting offices of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary and Refining expense accounts for the month ending July 31st 1882 with my approval except the excess of \$1.00 paid to P. W. Randle pay roll, Genl Dept, and \$3.75 paid C. F. Ammann pay roll of the Melter and Refiners Dept. (Refinery)

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

Sept. 14, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir:

✓ I have received your communication of the 5th instant, forwarding the estimates for appropriations required for the support of your Mint for the fiscal year 1884. The matter treated of in your letter will be brought to the attention of the Director for his action upon his return.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston

Acting Director. ✓

Sept. Mint.

Sept. 14. 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir;

C/S. N. 208 for \$ 14280.39, being on account of refining earnings for August 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 2nd inst. has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a credit to the appropriation for parting & refining Bullion.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quicksilver.

Hon C. J. Folger.

Sept. 14. 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of A. J. Andrus Superintendent of the Mint of the U.S. at Philadelphia, the sum of three hundred and eight thousand six hundred and forty-three dollars and thirty cents (\$308,643.30 on account of profits on the coinage of Standard silver dollars, and that the Bullion Fund of said Mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quicksilver.

Sept. Mint.

Sept. 14. 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of yesterday calling attention to an error in copy of bill for stationery furnished your Mint by the Stationery Division of the Treasury Dept. I have to say that the same occurred in copying -

50 pounds being the quantity called for in the original bill.
The copy is herewith returned, corrected

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Genl. S. V. Benet.

Sept. 15. 1882.

Chief of Ordnance.

Sir,

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 29th ultimo, I transmit herewith the following bronze medals, viz 18 Bronze copies first prize Army Division Marksmanship medals and, 18 Bronze copies third class prize Army Division Marksmanship medals.

I enclose for payment, the account of the Supt. U. S. Mint for these medals and cases amounting to \$2.20 with the request that a draft be forwarded A. Loudon Snowden, Superintendent U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for that amount.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Sept. 15th 1882.

Carson.

Sir,

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz

4. Register of Deposits and Purchases of gold and silver
As 188. S.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.Sept. 15th 1882.

Carlton, Nor.

Sir;

I enclose herewith Treasury Drafts No's B. 18272 and 73) for \$37.50 each drawn in favor of yourself and G. W. Bryant. Being amount paid by each of you to the Central Pacific railroad company for fare from Reno to San Francisco and return under instructions from the Director of the Mint, to give evidence in the investigation of the charges against N. L. Dodge in July and August 1881. Please acknowledge.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.Sept. 15th 1882.

Carlton, Nor.

Sir;

I enclose herewith Treasury Drafts No's B. 18274 and 15) the first for \$20.50 in your favor the other for \$22.50 in favor of G. W. Bryant, in payment of your accounts for expenses incurred in traveling from Carlton to San Francisco and return whilst attending as witness, the investigation of charges against N. L. Dodge in July and August of 1881. Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.Sept. 15th 1882.

Denver Mint.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant, transmitting estimates of appropriations required for the support of your Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1884.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.
Denver, Col.

Sept. 15, 1882.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense account Abstracts and vouchers for the month ending Aug 31, 1882.

Very respectfully,
R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Johnson Bros.
12th & C Sts. S. W.
City.

Sept. 15, 1882.

Gentlemen,

Your bill of the 8th ultimo for 1 Ton Coal, purchased for the use of the Laboratory in connection with this Bureau, amounting to \$6.25 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement. In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,
R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Manhattan Fire Brick Works.
633 East 15th St
New York

Sept 15, 1882.

Gentlemen,

Your bill of the 30th ultimo for supplies purchased for the use of the Laboratory in connection with this Bureau amounting to \$3.50 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement. In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,
R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

The Scientific Publishing Co.
27 Park Place.
New York.

Sept. 15, 1882.

Gentlemen.

Referring to your letter of the 5th inst.; addressed to the Treasurer of the United States and referred to this office, enquiring what account draft No B 18146, for four dollars, was intended to pay. I have to inform you that it was in payment of your bill No 50502, of June 28th 1882, for subscription to the Engineering and Mining Journal, from July 1st 1882 to July 1st 1883.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Rept. Minit.
New Orleans.

Sept 15, 1882.

Sir;

I return herewith for correction statement of "Earnings and Expenditures" of your Minit for the quarter ended June 30, 1882.

The grains, fluxes, linings and surplus bullion should be \$159.29, instead of \$84.18. The expenses for wages of workmen should be \$21,920.33 instead of \$21,796.33 as follows.

April	<u>7,004.75</u>
May	<u>7,689.43</u>
June	<u>7,146.15</u>
June (S S)	<u>130.</u>
Total	<u>\$21,920.33</u>

The amount of contingent expenses, not including wastages and loss on sale of scraps, should be \$9,476.83 instead of \$9,477.53, as follows: Amount allowed by this office, April \$2,465.73

May	<u>1,392.88</u>
June	<u>5,622.62</u>
Total	<u>9,481.23</u>

Deduct payment of postage 4.40
 Net expenses 9.476 83

The expenses of distributing silver dollars were \$27,412.29 instead of 2742.42

Your attention is respectfully directed to the amount entered on this statement as receipts from assays of ores and bullion during the quarter, namely \$18. On July 21st the Superintendent forwarded to the Treasurer of the United States Certificate of Deposit No 150 for \$12, as amount received for assays of ores.

Please inform me whether the remaining \$6 has been covered into the Treasury, and, if so, the date of the letter transmitting the certificate and the number of the Certificate.

Please return this statement with the corrected one to prevent the necessity of our rechecking the various entries.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Sup't Mint

Sept. 15. 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz.

4 Registers of Gold and silver Bullion deposits and purchases No 188. C.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

J. W. Neal Esq.

Sept. 15. 1882.

Publisher Grant Co News.

Canyon City, Oregon.

Sir;

I enclose Greenwich Treasury Draft No B 182711 for \$3.00 drawn in your favor in payment of one years subscription to the Grant County News. Please acknowledge receipt.

and oblige.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quictor.

Charles McKell Esq.

Sept. 15, 1882.

Prop't. Jacksonville Times.

Jacksville Oregon.

Sir;

I enclose Lunith Treasury Draft No B 18270 for \$3.00 in payment of one years subscription from July 1st 1882 to the Jacksonville Times. Please pass by acknowledging receipt.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quictor.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.

Sept. 15th 1882.

Supt. Mint.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of yesterday, in relation to the charges covered into the Treasury during the quarter ended June 30, 1882, I would state for your information that the certificates of Deposit are not final in them selves, but are covered into the Treasury according to the endorsement which is put on the back of them at this Office, and a portion of the moneys deposited by you as miscellaneous charges were covered into the Treasury as parting and refining charges.

My letter of yesterday, I think will fully explain the entries which should appear in your accounts, but if they are not entirely

plain, please let me know, and I will communicate with you further on the subject.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. Louder Snowden, Esq.

Sept 15th 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I transmit herewith duplicate receipted Medal Fund Vouchers, properly signed, for thirty-six cases and thirty-six bronze copies of the first and third class Army Marksmanship medals, forwarded in your letter of the 13th instant.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. Louder Snowden, Esq.

Sept. 15th 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Phila., Pa.

Sir:

I transmit herewith duplicate receipted Medal Fund vouchers, properly signed, for one gold life saving medal forwarded in your letter of 11th instant.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.
 Supt. U. S. Mint.
 Philadelphia, Pa.

Sept. 15th 1882.

Sir:

In the future, when transmitting to this Office by Express. Life-saving or other medals, you will please prepay the expressage and charge the same in your account.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.
 Supt. Mint.
 Philadelphia.

Sept. 15th 1882.

Sir:

I have requested that the sum of three hundred and eight thousand six hundred and forty three dollars and thirty cents (\$308,643.³⁰) be deposited in your name in the Treasury of the United States on account of profits on the coinage of Standard Silver Dollars, and that your Bullion Fund be increased by that amount, being the balance as shown by your Bullion Accounts to the credit of the Silver profit Fund for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1882.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.
 Censor.

Sept 15. 1882.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day. 1000 Memoranda of Gold bullion deposited in 428.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston. Acting Director.

B. L. Stevens, Esq.

Sept. 15th 1882.

No 4. Trafalgar Square
London.

Sir:

I enclose herewith Bill of Exchange No. A 17571, of Messrs Riggs & Co. on Messrs. J. S. Morgan & Co. London, for two pounds and four pence (£2 $\frac{2}{4}$), drawn to your order, in payment of your account of the 23^d ultimo.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger.

Sept. 16th 1882

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 1st instant, I have the honor to enclose herewith duplicate of the Gold Life Saving Medal awarded John Quarey March 28, 1878.

I also enclose for payment, the account for the medal and engraving the same, amounting to \$67.46, for which sum I will thank you to cause a draft to be issued and transmitted to the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

E. F. Burton, Esq.
 Supt. Mint
 San Francisco.

Sept. 15th 1882.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
 Ordinary and Refinery Expense Accounts,
 ✓ Abstracts and Vouchers for the Month ending
 August 31st. 1882.

Very respectfully
 R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.
 Boise City.

Sept. 16th 1882.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication
 ✓ of the 8th inst. forwarding estimates of appropriations required
 for the support of your Office for the fiscal year ending
 June 30th 1884.

Very respectfully,
 R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.
 Charlotte, N. C.

Sept. 16th 1882.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction your statement of "earnings,
 and expenditures" for the quarter ended June 30th 1882.

The amount expended by you for labor and contingent
 expenses, as shown by your accounts for those three months,
 was \$813.83. The amount expended by the Department for
 carpets from your appropriation should not be embraced
 in the statement of expenditures by you.

Please return this statement with the corrected one
 at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully, R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director.

Assayen in Charge
Charlotte, N. C.

Sept. 16, 1882.

Sir;

I notice from the "account current" of your Ordinary Expense account for the month of June that you have charged yourself for accidental duplication of voucher No 2 of Sep. 1881. Please inform me in which month's account the duplicate was embraced.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
Carson.

Sept. 16, 1882.

Sir;

I would respectfully request that you will forward statement No 193 for July and August on the new blank sent you, to take the place of the ones that you have already transmitted, as it is desired that the new form should be used during the present fiscal year.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
Carson.

Sept. 16, 1882.

Sir;

The account current belonging to your Ordinary Expense account for the month of June has been mislaid. I will therefore thank you to forward a duplicate to replace it.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Carlson.

Sept. 16. 1882.

Sir;

✓ Please forward at your earliest convenience. statement
 In 208 Wastages and loss on sale of scraps during the fiscal
 year ended June 30th 1882, for use in the preparation of
 the statements in the annual report of the Director.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Assayer in Charge.

Denver Mint.

Sept. 16th 1882

Sir;

✓ Your attention is directed to the entry of "Expended for
 Contingent Expenses" on your statement of "Earnings and
 Expenditures" for the quarter ended June 30th 1882, namely
\$1704.16.

The amount allowed in your accounts for April, May, and
 June was \$1704.06 a difference of ten Cents, which was disallow-
 ed in the June account, and which should be deposited in
 the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for Contingent
 Expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year ended
 June 30th 1882. I have corrected your statement of
 "Earnings and Expenditures" as indicated above.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Assayer in Charge.

Helena.

Sept. 16. 1882.

Sir;

✓ I have not received the estimates of appropriations
 required for the support of your institution for the fiscal
 year ending June 30th 1884. If they have not been for-
 warded, mail them at once, as it is necessary that

they should reach this office, before the close of the present month.
Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

Sept. 16. th 1882.

Sir:

I enclose herewith form No 213, which I will thank you to fill up, so far as it applies to your institution, and forward to this office, for use in the preparation of the annual statements for the Director's report.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

New Orleans.

Sept. 16. 1882.

Sir:

I would respectfully request that you will forward statements No 193 for July and August on the new blank sent you, to take the place of the ones that you have already transmitted, as it is desired that the new form should be used during the present fiscal year.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

New Orleans.

Sept 16. 1882.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 13th instant, forwarding estimates of appropriations required for the support of your Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1884.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

Supt. Minit.

Sept. 16. 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I would respectfully request that you will forward statement No 193 for July on the new blank sent you, to take the place of the one that you have already transmitted, as it is desired that the new form should be used during the present fiscal year.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quictor. ✓

Supt. Minit.Sep 16th 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I enclose Linnick blank form No 213. which I will thank you to fill up and forward to this office at your earliest convenience, for use in making up the statements for the annual report of the Quictor. There is no record that this statement has been received from your Minit.

If you forwarded it previously it has been mislaid.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quictor.

Supt. Minit.

Sept. 16. 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir;

I would respectfully request that you will forward statements No 193 for July and August on the new blank sent you, to take the place of the ones that you have already transmitted, as it is desired that the new form should be used during the present fiscal year.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quictor,

Supt. Minit
San Francisco.

Sept. 16. 1882.

Sir;

I return herewith for correction your statement of Receipts and Expenditures for the fiscal year 1882.

The amount expended for Contingent Expenses should be \$66137.55 viz: Ordinary and Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts \$59375.93

✓ Bills paid at Dept from Contgt. 1263.23
" " " " S. L. D. 5498.39

I enclose statements showing showing the bills paid at the Department;

The Parting and Refining expenses not including postage and loss on sale of scraps, are given as \$139,671.21.

Your four quarterly statements call for \$145,840.86
viz: Quarter ended Sept. 30. '81 32,620.68
" " Dec 31. '81 36,569.13
" " Mch 31. '82 42,293.89
" " June 30. '82 34,357.16

In addition there were bills paid at the Department from the appropriation for Parting and Refining Bullion on account of your Minit amounting to \$1439.14 as per enclosed statement.

This would make a total (taking the figures of your four quarterly statements as correct) of \$47279.20.

Please return the enclosed statement with corrected one, to prevent the trouble of verifying the entries again, and at your earliest convenience to facilitate the preparation of the statements for the annual Report of the Director.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Bills paid at the Treasury Department from appropriation for "Contingent Expenses" San Francisco Minit. 1882.

Nov 12. Union Star Line. 4.80
1882 Jan 4 Treasury Dept. Stationery 7.62

Jan 4	Treasury Dept. Stationery	<u>125.99</u>
" 21	" " "	<u>215.85</u>
Feb 14	Union Star Line Freight	<u>8.84</u>
Mar 1	Agent City of Alton	<u>4.30</u>
Apr 12	Treasury Dept. Stationery	<u>10.</u>
May 2	C. R. I. & P. R. R. Co. Freight	<u>68.58</u>
" 10	Empire Line - freight	<u>6.18</u>
" 8	C. P. R. R. - freight	<u>336.34</u>
Sept. 1	Evening Bulletin advertising	<u>45.72</u>
" "	Star Union Line	<u>7.72</u>
" "	C. P. R. R. Co.	<u>7.35</u>
" 6	Treasury Dept. Stationery	<u>211.22</u>
" 8	C. P. R. R. Freight	<u>202.72</u>
		<u>1263.23</u>

Bills paid at the Treasury Department on account of the San Francisco Mint from the appropriation for "Standard Silver dollars" 1882.

1881		
Nov 16	Chicago R. I. R R R Freight S. I.	<u>51.12</u>
Dec 23	Chicago B & L R R Co. trans copper S. I.	<u>68.09</u>
" 29	Central Pac R R Co. freight on copper S. I.	<u>158.76</u>
1882		
Jan 10	Ludwig Syst. 1 Automatic assorting machine S. I.	<u>2512.07</u>
Feb 8	Central Pac. R R Co. freight for S. I.	<u>174.86</u>
Mar 23	Ludwig Syst 1 Automatic assorting machine S. I.	<u>2533.49</u>
		<u>5498.39</u>

Bills paid at the Treasury Department from appropriation for "Parting and Refining Bullion" San Francisco Mint 1882

1881		
Sept. 15	C. P. R. R.	<u>262.32</u>
" 16	do	<u>14.75</u>
" 19	Empire Line	<u>.75</u>
Nov 16	C. P. R. R.	<u>177.90</u>
" 1882	C. R. I. & P. R. R.	<u>101.86</u>
Jan 10	C. P. R. R.	<u>15.29</u>
" 25	do	<u>138.53</u>
Feb 8	do	<u>140.41</u>

125.99	May 2	C. P. R R.	61.06
215.88	" 8	do	415.10
8.84	" 17	do	111.27
4.28			1439.14
10.			
68.48			

Telegram Supt. Mint. Sep 18. 1882.
 Carson, Nev.
 Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred thirtien and six tenths cents per ounce fine.
 R. C. Preston.

Confirmed Acting Director.
 Similar Telegram to.
 Telegram Supt. Mint. ✓
 New Orleans ✓ San Francisco.

W. W. Anderson Jr. Sep 18. 1882.
 Sumpter, S. C.
 Sir:
 In reply to your letter of the 15th instant enquiring what disposition you can make of some eight or ten dollars in mutilated coin in your possession I enclose herewith Department circular No 215, which will furnish you with the information you desire.
 Very respectfully.
 R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.
 Chief Auditor. Sept. 18. 1882.
 Treasury Department.

✓ Sir:
 I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the quarter ending June 30. 1882 tendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.
 Very respectfully
 R. C. Preston Acting Director.

U.S. Mint.

Sep 18. 1882.

Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have examined your annual statement form No 207. of Earnings and Expenditures at your Mint during the fiscal year ended June 30th 1882. and find it correct.

I would state however, for your information that the amount reported as expended for Contingent Expenses, not including wastage and loss on sale of scraps, namely \$26,685.11 is the total of your Ordinary Expense Accounts for the twelve months comprising the fiscal year, and that in addition thereto there were paid at the Department during the year, from your Contingent Appropriation, bills amounting to \$470.36 a statement of which I herewith enclose, which makes the total Contingent expenses of your Mint for the year \$27,155.47

The amount stated as Parting and Refining Expenses, not including wastage and loss on sale of scraps, namely \$14,554.96 is also the total amount of your accounts of expenditures under that head. In addition thereto, there was paid at the Department during the year one bill on account of your Mint from the appropriation for Parting and Refining Bullion namely May 2nd 1882, bill of the Star Union Line, for freight \$3.85 which makes your total Parting and Refining expenses \$14,558.81

I presume that the earnings mentioned on your statement, viz:

"Parting and refining charges"	<u>\$14,749.24</u>
"Melting, alloy and bar charges"	<u>350.42</u>
"Amount received from assays of ores"	<u>81.</u>
"Proceeds of sale of old material"	<u>120.</u>

have all been deposited in the Treasury. But if any portion has not, you will please deposit it at once.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Bills paid at the Treasury Department from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, Carson Minit. 1882.

1881			
Oct 3	Treasury Dept. Stationery	\$17.52	
1882			
Jan 11	C. P. R. R.	41.57	
Apr 12	Treasury Dept. Stationery	38.39	
May 5	Star Union Line	1.29	
" 8	C. P. R. R.	248.61	
" 13	do	4.34	
June 16	do	42.10	
Sept. 1	do	51.50	
" 7	do	25.04	
		<u>\$470.36</u>	✓

Assayer in Charge
Denver Minit.

Sep 18. 1882.

Sir;

I have examined your annual statement form No 207 of Receipts and Expenditures at your Minit during the fiscal year ended June 30th 1882.

The entries are all correct with the exception of the bills paid at Washington from your Contingent Appropriation, the amount of which should be \$42043 instead of \$15952, as entered on your statement. I enclose herewith a statement showing the bills paid at the Department during the year from your Contingent appropriation. This makes the total Contingent expenses of your Minit for the year \$4,125.68

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quacitor.

Bills paid at the Treasury Department from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, Denver Minit 1882.

1881			
Nov 4	Star Union Line	\$61.62	
" 12	do	1.87	
Dec 27	M. P. R. R.	36.54	
1882			
Jan 4	Star Union Line	1.47	

Jan 4	Treasury Dept. Stationery	<u>22.67</u>
" 19	do	<u>12.66</u>
Feb 2	U. P. R. R.	<u>1.26</u>
Apr 12	Treasury Dept. Stationery	<u>17.55</u>
May 2	U. P. R. R.	<u>1.22</u>
" 16	U. P. R. R.	<u>29.10</u>
Sept 1	Empire Line	<u>15.08</u>
" 1	U. P. R. R.	<u>209.39</u>
		<u>\$ 420.43</u>

Sept. Mint.

Sept. 18. 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 15th instant in relation to the charge of one dollar per thousand ounces on Bullion requiring to be parted and refined.

I would reply that this charge is only to be imposed once, as has been the practice at your Mint prior to the 30th of June.

The Regulations provide that on Bullion not requiring to be parted and refined there shall be a melting charge of one dollar per thousand ounces or less. This is to be entered on the abstract sheets in the column for "melting charges".

The Regulations provide that on Bullion requiring to be parted or refined the deposit melting charge is not to be imposed; but in addition to the parting and refining charges, a charge of one dollar per thousand ounces or less is to be imposed, which is not to be entered in the column for melting charges, but is to be included in the column of the parting and refining charges.

The purpose of the Director in making this distinction was that the melting charge on Bullion not requiring to be parted or refined might be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt, while the

parting and refining charges, of which the dollar per thousand and ounces on bullion requiring to be parted or refined forms a part are covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for parting and refining bullion, to be used for paying the expenses of the operations as provided by Paragraph 8, Chapter 319 of volume 1 of the Supplement to the Revised Statutes. It was certainly not the intention of the representatives of this Bureau to give any different information from this, and I do not think he did. If as I understand, you have imposed the charge of a dollar per thousand ounces twice on the same deposit, it should be refunded. This can be done either by altering the warrants and issuing new ones in their place, or by debit entries in your parting and refining accounts of your Bullion Accounts, enclosing the receipts of the persons to whom the amounts are refunded as vouchers. The first would be the better way if not too much trouble. In regard to imposing a charge only on the number of ounces requiring to be refined to raise the whole to standard, I would state that this only applies to gold bullion, except in the manufacture of standard or sterling silver bars.

If in the case of a deposit of gold bullion you think the charge should be imposed only on the number of ounces required to be refined to raise the whole to standard, if you will submit the case for the consideration of the Director, he will inform you whether your supposition is correct.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Sept. Minit.

New Orleans.

Sir,

Sept. 18. 1882.

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of Sept. 1882 has been

approved for the sum of \$12,000 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1883	<u>\$2600.</u>
Wages of workmen	"	<u>6600.</u>
Contingent Expenses	"	<u>2800.</u>

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

Sept. 18. 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Bullion Accounts for the Quarter ending June 30th 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

Sept. 18. 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir,

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

10,000 Certificates of Gold Deposits.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

Sept. 18. 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir,

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz: 250 Refinery pay warrants.

Very respectfully. R. C. Preston Acting Director. ✓

Assayer in Charge.
St Louis. Mo.

Sept. 18, 1882.

Sir;

Please forward Statements of "Earnings and Expenditures" of your institution for the quarter ended Sept. 30, 1881. and Dec 31, 1881. at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quictor.

Wm. S. Locum, Esq.
No 14 Merchants Row.
Boston.

Sept. 18, 1882.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 16th instant, and enclosure, requesting two ten cent pieces of the date of 1882. and have referred the same with the enclosure to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quictor.

Telegram. Assayer U. S. Assay Office.
Helena Montana.

Sept 19, 1882.

Ordinary Account for June not yet received. Forward it at once.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quictor.

Supt. Mint.
San Francisco.

Sept. 19, 1882

Sir;

In addition to the annual statement of earnings and expenditures, you will notice on page 9 of the Quictor's report of last year Statements of "Appropriations and Expenditures" and "Refinery earnings and expenditure", which call for different information from that furnished

in the quarterly and annual statements Form No 207 furnished by you.

I will thank you to furnish me, for the purpose of verifying the figures prepared by this office, with the following information.

1. Total amount expended from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for all purposes, including bills paid at the Department during the fiscal year, 1882.
2. Total amount paid on account of your Mint for all purposes from the appropriation for the Coinage of the Standard Silver dollar during the fiscal year named including bills paid at the Department.
3. Total amount expended from the appropriation for Parting and Refining Bullion, including expenses paid at the Department on account of your Mint during the same fiscal year.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Similar letter addressed to.

Supt Mint.

Philadelphia ✓

Supt Mint.

✓ New Orleans.

Supt. Mint.

Carson.

Sept. 19. 1882.

Sir,

In addition to the annual statement of earnings and expenditures, you will notice on page 9 of the Director's report of last year, statements of "Appropriations and Expenditures" and "Refining Earnings and Expenditures" which call for different information from that furnished in the quarterly and annual statements Form No 207 furnished by you.

I will thank you to furnish me, for the purpose of verifying the figures prepared by this office, the following information.

1. Total amount expended from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for all purposes, including Bills paid at the Department during the fiscal year 1882.

2. Total amount expended from the appropriation for Parting and Refining Bullion, including expenses paid at the Department on account of your Mint during the same fiscal year.

Very respectfully
R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

Sept. 19. 1882.

Denver Mint.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 16th instant forwarding duplicate assay memorandum No 1338 upon your shipment No 2 of Bullion to the Philadelphia Mint, which I herewith return.

The Comptroller requires that hereafter the assay memoranda shall accompany your Bullion Accounts as vouchers, to verify the amount of charge deducted by the Mint, and in order that you might have duplicates to forward with your accounts, I instructed the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to furnish you with duplicate memoranda in all cases.

In this connection I would state that it will be necessary for you to furnish the assay memoranda for the quarter ended June 30. 1882.

I have examined your Bullion Accounts for that quarter and find them correct, but cannot refer them for settlement until your Accounts for the present quarter arrive for the reason, as you are aware, that you have taken up transfers made by the Treasurer of the U.S. after June 30. 1882.

Very respectfully,
R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.
Helena.

Sept. 19, 1882.

Sir:

C. I. No 110 for \$2265.21 being on account of unexpended balance app'tn for wages 1882. enclosed in your communication of the 11th inst. has been received properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary Expense accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation named.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.
Helena.

Sept. 19, 1882.

Sir:

~~C. I. No 111 for \$2610.12 being on account of repayment to the credit of appropriation for wages 1882. enclosed in your communication of the 11th inst. has been received properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary Expense accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation named.~~

~~Very respectfully.~~

~~R. C. Preston.~~

~~Acting Director.~~

Assayer in Charge.
Helena.

Sept. 19, 1882.

Sir:

C. I. No 111 for \$2610.12 being on account of repayment to credit of app'tn for Contingent Expenses 1882. enclosed in your communication of the 11th instant has been received properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you and

your Ordinary Expense accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation named.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.
Nelsona.

Sept. 19, 1882.

Sir:

I telegraphed you to day that your Ordinary Expense account for the month of June had not reached this office, as yet, and requested that you would forward it at once.

The information which it contains is necessary to check your quarterly statement of expenditures, and besides the law requires that all accounts of expenditures shall be forwarded within ten days after the close of the month.

It is not necessary to hold your account for the month of June until all the bills of that fiscal year have been paid.

It should be forwarded the same as the account of any other month, and a supplemental account rendered including such bills as were not paid when the regular months account was forwarded.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Richards & Co.

Sept. 19, 1882.

398 Bowery, New York.

Gentlemen,

Your bill of the 14th instant for 200 Scorpions, purchased for the use of the Laboratory in connection with this Bureau amounting to \$7.44, has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement. In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

Sept. 19. 1882.

Sir,

✓ On the 14th instant I returned for correction your statement of "Earnings and Expenditures" for the quarter ended June 30. 1882. As the information which it contains is necessary for the purpose of checking your annual statement of "Earnings and Expenditures" to be used in the preparation of the tables in the Director's report, I will thank you to forward the corrected one as early as possible.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sept. 19. 1882.

Sir,

✓ Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver at your Mint, in lots of less than ten thousand ounces, will be one hundred thirteen and one half cents (113½ cents) per ounce fine.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sept. 19. 1882.

Sir,

✓ I have examined Annual Statement No 208 of "Wastages and loss on sale of sweeps during the fiscal year ended June 30 1882" and Annual Statement No 213 "Wastages of operative officers during the same fiscal year and mode of reimbursement" and have found them correct.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Sept. Minit.

Sept. 19, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

I return herewith for correction, as indicated in pencil, your statement of "Earnings and Expenditures" for the fiscal year ended June 30 1882.

The amount of "Parting and refining charges" called for by the four quarterly statements herewith returned for your information should be \$10,850.97 instead of \$10,679.42 as you have it entered, namely:

Quarter ended Sept 30. 1881 \$3,158.78

Dec 31 1881 2,641.

Mch 31 1882 2,948.13

June 30 1882 2,103.06

Total \$10,850.97

The "Melting, alloy and bar charges" for the year as shown by the same statement should be \$661.24, instead of \$832.79 as you have it entered, namely:

Quarter ended Sept. 30, 1881 \$185.35

Dec 31, 1881 162.21

Mch 31, 1882 160.63

June 30, 1882 153.05

Total 661.24

Referring to the earning of \$8.73 amount refunded by Adams Express Company for over charge on transportation of silver coin, it would be more proper to deduct this from the "Expenses of distribution" if, as I suppose the amount mentioned on your statement \$36,271.74 was the amount originally paid of which \$8.73 was refunded.

If this is the case you will please strike out this item, as it is not properly an earning, and reduce the amount of expenses of distributing the coin correspondingly. The expenditures for Contingent Expenses not including mailages and loss on sale of sweeps, entered on your statement is correct being intended I suppose, as the amount disbursed by you. In addition however

Bills were paid at the Department for incidental expenses of your Mint during the year from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses amounting to \$207.68, and from the appropriation for the coinage of standard silver dollars amounting to \$16,841.83 statements of which are herewith enclosed, which will make the total Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the year \$129,073.26.

Please return the enclosed statements, with the corrected one at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Pruett.

Acting Director.

Bills paid at the Treasury Department on account of the Philadelphia Mint from the appropriation for the Coinage of Standard Silver Dollars 1882.

1881.

Aug 8	<u>Pope Cole & Co</u>	Copper	<u>\$1625.</u>
Oct 5	<u>J. S. Watson & Co</u>	weighing machines	<u>3079.33</u>
" 7	<u>Pope Cole & Co</u>	Copper	<u>1862.50</u>
Nov 18	do	do	<u>3650.</u>
1882			
May 22	<u>Pope Cole & Co</u>	Copper	<u>3625.</u>
			<u>\$15,841.83</u>

Bills paid at the Treasury Department from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, Philadelphia Mint 1882.

1881			
Oct 3	Treasury Dept.	Stationery	<u>\$122.40</u>
1882			
Jan 19	"	"	<u>77.03</u>
Apr 12	"	"	<u>8.25</u>
			<u>\$207.68</u>

Assayer in charge

Sept. 20. 1882.

Censor Mint.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day viz;

1000 Certificate of Gold deposit #4. C.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Buchanan Director.

Assayer in Charge.

Baltimore City.

Sir;

Sept. 20. 1882.

If you have not already done so, you will please deposit the balances in your hands of the appropriations for last year and forward the certificates to this office.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Quicksilver.

Supt. Assay Office.

New York.

Sept. 20. 1882.

Sir;

C.D. No 1299 for \$ 7833.91 being on account of refining earnings for August 1882. enclosed in your communication of the 19th instant has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting and refining Bullion."

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buchard.

Quicksilver.

Supt. Assay Office.

New York.

Sept. 20. 1882.

Sir;

C.D. No 1300 for \$ 289.50 being on account of melting alloy and bar charges for August enclosed in your communication of the 19th inst. has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Buchard

Quicksilver.

Telegram

Anglo Californian Bank.
San Francisco.

Sept. 21, 1882.

Your offer accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor.

Similar telegram to.

Telegram

Daniel Meyer
San Francisco.Academy Bank.
San Francisco. ✓

Telegram

J & W Seligman & Co
New York.

Sept. 21, 1882.

Your offers accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor.

Telegram.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.
Denver Colorado.

Sept. 21, 1882.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred
fourteen and twelve hundredths. etc per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor. ✓

Telegram.

Nandy & Cronise
24 Nassau Street.
New York.

Sept. 21, 1882.

Your offer accepted. One hundred thousand ounces for
New Orleans and balance for Philadelphia.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor. ✓

Telegram

Nohl & Politz
San Francisco.

Sept 21, 1882.

Your offer declined.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor. ✓

Supt. Mint.

Sept. 21, 1882.

New Orleans.

✓ Received from Boston and Colorado Smelting Company forty thousand ounces, and from Handy and Conner, one hundred thousand ounces both at one hundred fourteen and twelve hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

Sept. 21, 1882.

San Francisco.

✓ Received from Daniel Meyer sixteen thousand ounces. Nevada Bank sixteen thousand ounces, both at one hundred and fourteen cents. From Anglo Californian Bank one hundred and fifty thousand ounces at one hundred fourteen and fifteen hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

From Horatio C. Burchard.

Sept. 21, 1882.

Quictor of the Mint.

Sir:

The following is the result of assays of the samples of gold and silver coin from the Japanese Mint, handed me by you for assay. I also give the assays of the Mint of Japan. viz:

Gold five yen Coin	22 nd September 1881.	900.3	900.3
" " " "	23 rd February 1882	900.0	900.1
" " " "	30 th May 1882	900.0	900.0
" " " "	cutting from bar	900.1	900.1
Silver yen Coin	28 th September 1881	900.2	900.4
" " " "	29 th November 1881	900.5	901.1
" " " "	19 th January 1882	901.3	900.9
" " " "	18 th March 1882	900.0	901.1
" " " "	15 th June 1882	900.1	900.7
" " " "	dips granulated	900.6	900.6

Very respectfully. H. P. Lawver.

Assayer.

Supt. Mint.

Sept. 21 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir;

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for $\frac{1}{2}$ ream of account paper, and as requested in your letter of the 15th inst the same will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor. ✓

Supt. Assay Office.

Sept. 21, 1882.

New York City.

Sir;

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for Blank Gold receipt Books (12) and 1000 Bullion Quotations and as requested in your letter of the 7th inst. the same will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

Sep. 21, 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir;

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for Blank Daily statements due depositors. (1500) Statements of Silver purchased (200) Statements of charges imposed on Gold and Silver Bullion, and as requested in your letter of the 13th inst. the same will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor. ✓

Sept. Minit.

Sept. 21, 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir,

I return herewith for correction your annual statement of "Earnings and Expenditures" for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1882.

The profits on standard silver dollars coined should be \$601,294.19 instead of \$610,294.19 as follows.

Third quarter 1881	<u>\$134,758.06</u>
Fourth " "	<u>145,521.51</u>
First " 1882	<u>165,332.90</u>
Second " "	<u>165,681.72</u>
Total	<u>601,294.19</u>

as shown by your Bullion Accounts and also by your quarterly statements of earnings and expenditures.

The amount of grams, fluxes and sweepings from the deposit melting room should be \$159.29 instead of \$84.18.

The amount received from sale of old material \$143.99 was omitted from your statement.

The expenditures for wages of workmen should be \$85,124.95 instead of \$84,994.95, \$130. having been paid for wages from the appropriation for the coinage of standard silver dollars.

The amount expended for contingent expenses not including mastages and loss on sale of sweeps, should be \$37,970.26 instead of \$34,368.41 as follows:

Quarterly statement Sept. 30, 1881	<u>\$11,454.82</u>
Dec 31 " "	<u>6,904.93</u>
March " 1882	<u>6,531.40</u>
June 30 " "	<u>9,476.83</u>
Total	<u>34,367.98</u>

Bills paid at the Dept from Contingent appropriation. 209.73

Bills paid at the Dept from Standard Silver Dollar appropriation. 3,392.55

Total 37,970.26

I enclose herewith statements showing the bills paid at the Department from your Contingent Appropriation.

and from the appropriation contained in the Act authorizing the Coinage of the Standard Silver dollar, passed Feb 28, 1878.

The amount expended for distribution of standard silver dollars was \$12,624.38, instead of \$12,630.01 as follows:

Third quarter	1881	<u>\$362.90</u>
Fourth	"	<u>6,779.51.</u>
First	1882	<u>2,740.68</u>
Second	"	<u>2,741.29</u>
Total		<u>12,624.38</u>

as shown by your quarterly statements and also by your Bulletin Accounts.

Please return the statement enclosed, with the corrected one to prevent the necessity of verifying entries again, and at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdick.

Director

Bills paid at the Treasury Department on account of the New Orleans Mint from the appropriation for the coinage of the standard silver dollar 1882.

1881.

Aug 7 th	<u>Pope Cole & Co Copper</u>	<u>\$3340.</u>
Sept 13 th	<u>New Orleans Picayune, Advertising</u>	<u>19.24</u>
" "	<u>New Orleans Observer</u>	<u>7.06</u>
Nov 4 th	<u>New Orleans Republican</u>	<u>6.</u>
1882 April 13	<u>Weekly Louisianian</u>	<u>6.75.</u>
June 30	<u>New Orleans Picayune</u>	<u>13.50</u>
		<u>3392.55.</u>

Bills paid at the Treasury Department from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, New Orleans Mint 1882.

Jan 4	Treasury Department Stationery	<u>\$173.15</u>
Apr 2	do	<u>36.58</u>
Total		<u>209.73.</u>

Sept. Mint.

Sept. 21, 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir,

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day viz
 100 Statements of Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion
 Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Sept. Mint

Sept. 21, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

Purchases of silver bullion have been made this day at the Departments by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York payable in silver dollars to wit of.

<u>J. N. Seligman & Co</u>	25,000 ounces at \$1.1412
<u>J. N. Seligman & Co</u>	25,000 ounces at \$1.1408
<u>J. N. Seligman & Co</u>	50,000 ounces at \$1.1405
<u>Nandy & Cronce</u>	100,000 ounces at \$1.1412

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Sept. Mint.

Sept. 21, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for Blank Certificates of Silver Deposit. and as requested in your letter of the 12th inst 1000 copies will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

Sept. 21, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir;

✓ Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for Blank Silver Clipping Receipt Books (3) and as requested in your letter of the 5th inst. the same will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

Sept. 21, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir;

✓ Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for Blank Computation Books (24) and 3 Silver Purchase Books. and as requested in your letter of the 5th inst. the same will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

Sept. 21, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir;

✓ Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for Blank Book of Computation Reports on Gold and Silver Bullion Deposits, and as requested in your letter of the 1st inst. the same will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Hon Chas. J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sept. 21, 1882.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at Boise City Idaho to that of the Mint at San Francisco, of the sum of six thousand seven hundred and twenty-six $\frac{57}{100}$ dollars (\$6,726.57) in gold coin and seventy-eight $\frac{67}{100}$ dollars (\$78.67) in silver coin, making a total of six thousand eight hundred and five $\frac{24}{100}$ dollars \$6,805.24 being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City for coinage as shown by Memoranda No 2371, 2372 dated Sep 12 1882. of gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver. ✓

Hon Chas J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sept. 21, 1882.

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose herewith a report upon the assay of certain samples of coins from Japan transmitted by letter to the Hon Secretary of State of Sept. 15th and referred by you on the 16th inst. to this office.

An equivalent of the gold and silver samples is herewith returned.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver. ✓

A. Loudon Snowden Esq.
 Supt. Mint.
 Philadelphia.

Sept. 22nd 1882.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 21st instant, recommending an increase in the pay of the persons employed as watchmen on Sunday from \$2.40 to \$2.75 a day each.

In reply I would say I am very anxious that you should reduce the expenses of your Mint, as during the last fiscal year there was expended over and above your regular appropriations, over \$21,000. - from the appropriation for the coinage of the Standard Dollar and I felt reluctant to commence the year with an increase of pay, especially where the compensation paid, as in this case, has been at a fixed rate for a long number of years.

I would state that at the New York Assay Office when persons are required to perform work of any kind on Sunday, they are paid at the rate of \$2.50 a day, regardless of their regular compensation, and as the price of living in New York is supposed to be higher than in your city I would suggest \$2.25 as a fair compensation for the Sunday watch, and would be willing to approve that rate.

If, however, you find it difficult to employ suitable persons at that compensation please inform me and I will consider the propriety of increasing the pay to a higher rate.

Very respectfully
 Horatio C. Batchard,
 Director.

A. Loudon Snowden.
Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sept. 22nd 1882

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 21st instant, enclosing five statements exhibiting the expense of your Mint from the appropriations, for Parting and Refining, and from the indefinite appropriation contained in the Act authorizing the coinage of the Standard Silver Dollar. I have examined the statements and find them to be correct.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard.
Director.

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.
Assayer in Charge
St. Louis.

Sept. 22nd 1882.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction your annual statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1882.

The amount expended for wages and contingent expenses, including amount paid for fixtures and apparatus, should be \$8,823.61 as follows. Expended by you from Wages and Contingent appropriation \$1927.36.

Bills of the Treasury Department paid here 55.37

Total expended from your ap- } 1984.73

propriation for Wages and Contingent Expenses.

Expended by you from the appropriation for
Fixtures and Apparatus 71486.63

Bills paid at Treasury Department from ap-

propriation for Fixtures & Apparatus \$5362.19

Total expended for Fixtures & Apparatus 68488.87

Recapitulation:

Total from wages and Contingent.	1,984.73
Total from Expenses & Apparatus.	6848.87
Total.	8833.61

I enclose herewith a statement showing the bills paid at the Department from the appropriation for Expenses & Apparatus.

Referring to the earning entered on your statement as gain on bullion shipped the Mint \$3.21, it will be necessary for you to forward a statement showing in detail the value of each shipment as determined by you and as allowed by the Mint, so as to verify this entry.

Please give this matter your immediate attention, and return the enclosed statement with the corrected one.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdick,

Director.

Bills paid at the Treasury Department from the appropriation for Expenses and Apparatus.

St. Louis Assay Office—1882, 1881

July 1	E. C. Bennett traveling expenses.	\$94.85
" 11	M. A. Meyendorf "	88.50
Aug 12	L. B. Simonton & Co. Supplies	27.92
" 17	M. A. Meyendorf traveling expenses	84.50
" 22	Phillips & Jacobs, crucibles.	55.23
Sep 12	J. B. Key, closets.	150. —
" 12	do do	95. —
" 14	E. C. Bennett traveling expenses	47. —
" 13	Elmore & Richards, chemicals	202.07
" 13	Ort, Rees & Morgan, rolling machine	300. —
" 15	J. B. Key supplies.	175. —
Sep 17	Baldwell & Mather, supplies	408. —
Nov. 15	David Gilbert & Son, agitator	143.50
Dec. 2	Henry Lorenner, weights & balance	1946.75

Dec. 15.	Peter Dickinson, supplies	\$141-
" 15.	Barnes & Morrison do	219.80
" 15.	do do	125.00
" 15.	do do	56.70
" 15.	W. L. & J. Barron do.	71.-
Aug 8	Robt. Taylor & Co. crucibles	211.96
Sep. 9.	J. R. Key supplies.	272.91
Oct. 7.	do do	55.00
" 7	W. L. & J. Barron do.	296.00
1882 Jan'y, 10	M. Meyer do	95.00
	Total.	\$5362.19 ✓

James Crawford Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.

Sept. 22nd 1882.

Carson City Nevada

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Refinery & Std. Sil. Doll. Expense accounts for the month ending July 31st 1882 with my approval, except voucher No. 7 Ord. Ex Dist. in the second item which appears an error of \$2.⁰⁰.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burdick
Director.

R. B. Harrison Esq.
Assayer in Charge.
Helena.

Sept. 22nd 1882.

Sir:

The amount of your receipts for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1882, entered on your statement of "Receipts & Expenditures" is \$244.³⁵ and that amount was deposited in the Treasury by the Superintendent of the

Assay Office at New York to your credit.

The amount of the receipts as entered in your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ended June 30th is \$241.¹², from which it would appear that the Assay Office at New York found the value of your receipts to be \$3.²² greater than the value determined by you.

You will please charge yourself in your accounts for the current quarter with the difference, \$3.²² as overcharges for the fiscal year 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio Burchard,
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
Canton City, Tex.

Sept. 22nd 1882.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward to this office for examination and approval, the proposals received and a schedule of awards, made by you for supplies for the use of your Mint during the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully,

Horatio Burchard,
Director.

M. C. Downing Esq.
1155 4th Street, n. e.
Washington, D. C.

Sept. 22nd 1882.

Sir:

I have to request that you will call at this Office as early as practicable.

Very respectfully,

Horatio Burchard,
Director.

R. B. Harrison, Esq.

Sept. 22nd 1882.

Assayer in Charge
U.S. Assay Office.
Helena, Mon.

Sir:

✓ I have ~~examined~~ and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending June 30th 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director. ✓

R. B. Harrison, Esq.

Sept. 22nd 1882.

Assayer in Charge
Helena.

Sir:

✓ I have to acknowledge the receipt of estimates of appropriations required for the service of your institution for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1884.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director ✓

A. W. Smyth, Esq.

Sept. 22nd 1882.

Supt. U.S. Mint.
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

✓ As requested in your letter of July 10th, I forward by to day's mail one copy of Percy's Metallurgy of Gold & Silver.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard
Director ✓

First AuditorSept. 22nd 1882

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in Charge of the U.S. Assay Office at Helena, Mon. for the month ending June 30th 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment ^{as required} by law.

Very respectfully.

Horatio Bushchord,
Director.First Auditor.Sept. 22nd 1882.

Treasury Department

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Refinery & Standard Silver dollar Expense account of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Carson for the month ending July 31st 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

See note on abstract of disbursement.

Very respectfully.

Horatio Bushchord,
Director.H. K. Fitch, Esq.Sept. 22nd 1882.

Orographical Bulletin

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I transmit herewith Treasury Draft No. 18366 for \$45.72, in payment of your bill for advertising for proposals for supplies for the use of the U.S. Mint at San Francisco

during the fiscal year 1883. Please favor me with an acknowledgement.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Birchard,
Director.

A. Walters Esq.
Assayer in Charge
Bowie City.

Sept. 22nd 1882.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction your annual statement of "Earnings and Expenditures" for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1882.

The amount expended for Wages and Contingent Expenses should be \$5,233.62, namely:

Expended by you.	\$ 5,233.34
Accounts stated at the Department in favor of the Central Pacific Railroad for freight	12.28
Total.	<u>\$ 5,233.62</u>

Referring to the earning entered on your statement of \$8,108.27 for "Profits on deductions on deposits," I fail to find any such earning entered in your accounts, other than the balance of charges shown by your accounts to have been in your hands on the 30th of June.

As the charges are already entered as an earning, this entry is incorrect.

Please return this statement with the corrected one, at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Birchard,
Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger
Sec of the Treasury.

Sept. 22nd 1882

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at Charlotte N.C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Two thousand seven hundred and thirty-seven $\frac{46}{100}$ Dollars \$2797.46 in Gold Coin and Eighteen $\frac{26}{100}$ Dollars \$18.26 in Silver Coin, making a total of Two thousand Eight hundred and fifteen $\frac{72}{100}$ Dollars \$2815.72, being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No. 1408, dated Sept. 18, 1882, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Purchard,
 Director.

Mint Auditor.

Sept. 23. 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the Quarter ending June 30th 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Purchard

Director.

Mint Auditor.

Sept. 23. 1882.

U. S. Treasury.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and

Settlement the Ordinary Expense Accounts of the Assayer in charge of the following named institutions, to wit:

Helena U. S. Assay Office for month of July 1882.

Copper U. S. Mint " " " August "

St. Louis U. S. Assay Office " " " " "

✓ Boise " " " " " "

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Assayer in Charge.

Sept. 23. 1882

Boise City.

Sir:

✓ I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending August 31st 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Assayer in Charge.

Sept. 23. 1882.

U. S. Mint. Copper.

Sir:

✓ I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending August 31st 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Assayer in Charge.

Sept. 23. 1882.

Helena.

✓ Sir:

Referring to your statement of Earnings and Expenditures

for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1882 I would state that in addition to the amount entered on your statement as Contingent Expenses, \$6,389.88 there were paid at the Department from your appropriation bills amounting to \$366.89, a statement of which I herewith enclose, which will make the total Contingent Expenses of your institution for the year \$6,756.77.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard

Quictor.

Bills paid at the Treasury Department from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, Helena Assay Office, 1882.

1881	Nov 12	Star Union Line, Freight	<u>\$4.17</u>
1882	Dec 27	Henry C. Waite, Transporting supplies	<u>175.94</u>
	Feb. 14.	Star Union Line freight	<u>.84</u>
	March 15.	Henry C. Waite, Transporting supplies	<u>6.69</u>
	May 2	Chicago, R. I. & P. R. R. freight	<u>13.82</u>
	" 5	Star Union Line	<u>.54</u>
	" 13	Utah & Northern R. R.	<u>80.40</u>
	" 13	do	<u>20.67</u>
	June 2	Treasury Department Stationery	<u>64.62</u>
		Total	<u>\$366.89</u>

Assayer in Charge.

Helena.

Sept. 23, 1882.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending July 31st 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

Sept. 23. 1882.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department, for examination and settlement your Bulletin Accounts for the Quarter ending June 30th 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge,
St. Louis.

Sept. 23. 1882.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending August 31st 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

First Auditor.

Sept. 25th 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the month ending August 31st 1882. Together with a supplemental Ordinary account for the fiscal year 1882. rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sept. 25. 1882.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting office of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary and Refining Expense accounts for the month ending August 31st 1882 with my approval; also your supplemental Ordinary acct. for the fiscal year 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sept. 25. 1882.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 23rd instant, in relation to furnishing receipted bills for the charges collected on Bullion shipped you by the Denver Mint. I have to state that duplicate memoranda which you ^{have} ^{been} instructed to furnish are sufficient as vouchers to accompany the accounts of the Denver Mint.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

W. A. Spidmore, Esq.
San Francisco Cal.

Sept. 25. 1882.

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th of August, addressed to Mr A. M. Lawver, has been forwarded to me.

You state that you can prepare for my report an article descriptive of the condition of quartz mining in California, supplemented by allusion to drift mines where stamps or other mechanical appliances are used to crush the material, and that new inventions might be noticed with propriety, and that such an article.

would be worth \$300, you paying your necessary traveling expenses to obtain the required information.

You are authorized and requested to prepare such an article if not less than forty pamphlet pages, to be forwarded to me not later than the 25th of January next.

Very respectfully,

Noratio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Treasury Auditor,

Sept. 26, 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir,

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary and Refining Expenses accounts of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at San Francisco for the month ending August 31st 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Noratio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Telegram Assayer U. S. Mint.

Sept. 26, 1882.

Denver, Colorado.

Twenty five thousand dollars will be sent Colorado National Bank for your credit by to days mail.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor.

Assayer in Charge.

Sept. 26, 1882.

Helena, Mon.

Sir,

I have instructed the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York to furnish you with duplicate memoranda of your shipments.

Very respectfully,

Noratio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

Sept. 26. 1882

Sir;

C. O. No 1314 for \$14642.89 being on account of Miller & Re-
finer's Surplus for fiscal year 1882 enclosed in your commu-
nication of the 25th inst has been received, properly endors-
ed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal
credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts and the
amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous
receipt."

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

Sept. 26. 1882.

Sir;

You are respectfully requested to furnish the Assayer in
charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena Montana, with
duplicate memoranda of bullion received from him as he
is required under recent orders to forward one copy with
his accounts as a voucher to cover the charges deducted
by you.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.
New Orleans.

Sept. 26. 1882.

Sir.

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer
for Blank Silver Bullion Receipts (1 book containing 1000)
and as requested in your letter of the 23rd inst, the same
will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

Sept. 26, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir,

I am about to transfer the names of the officers and employees of the Mint and Assay Office to a new Official Register, and in transferring the force of your Mint I shall use your pay-rolls for the month of September as a guide so far as the arrangement of the names is concerned.

I will therefore thank you to have your rolls for the month named made out in the order in which you desire the force to appear, and in future to follow such arrangement as closely as possible. When new appointments are made to fill vacancies (except in the case of adjutants) you will please enter the name of the persons appointed in the space occupied by the persons whose employment has been discontinued. The names of the Adjutants you will please enter on your pay-rolls alphabetically.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

Sept. 26, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir,

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts for the month ending August 31st 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Am Chas. J. Folger.

Sept. 26, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that orders for transportation

over the Central Pacific Railroad, be furnished W. N. Clark
from San Francisco, Cal. to Reno, Nev. and return, payment
therefore to be made from the appropriation for Contingent
Expenses U. S. Mint at Carson, Nevada for 1883.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director. ✓

Assayer U. S. Mint.

Sept. 27, 1882.

Denver Colorado.

✓ One hundred thousand dollars in currency will be trans-
mitted Colorado National Bank to be placed to your credit.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Miss Annie C. Hustid.

Sept. 27, 1882.

Canal Lewisville, Coshocton Co.

Ohio.

Madam

Your package containing some stones which you
desire to have assayed, has been received by express.

The assayer of this bureau will be absent for im-
weeks. But on his return your request will receive his
attention upon your permitting the charge for assaying.
Three dollars. I do not think that from their ap-
pearance the specimens contain either gold or silver.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.

Sept. 27, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir;

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of
the Mint of the United States at Denver Col. be increased
one hundred thousand dollars \$100,000 by a transfer of

that amount and that the same be transmitted to the Assayer
in charge of said Mint in gold coin or currency.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

Sep. 26. 1882.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am about to transfer the names of the Officers and employes
of the Mint and Assay Office to a new official Register and
in transferring the force of your Mint I shall use your
pay rolls for the month of Sept. as a guide so far as the
arrangement of the names is concerned.

I will therefore thank you to have your rolls for the
month named made out in the order in which you desire
the force to appear, and in future to follow such arrange-
ment as closely as possible. When new appointments
are made to fill vacancies (except in the case of adjutants)
you will please enter the names of the persons appointed
in the space occupied by the persons whose employment
has been discontinued.

The names of the Adjutants you will please enter on
your payrolls alphabetically.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Similar letter addressed to.

Supt. Mint.

New Orleans.

Capt. Mmit.
Philadelphia.

Sept. 27th 1882.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 26th inst. I will thank you to inform me whether the removals therein reported are intended to take effect from the 1st of October proximo or on the 1st instant, as written.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Pritchard,

Director.

Amthurick Guthrie, Esq.

Sept. 27, 1882,

Representative of Union Pacific R. R.

Room 91, Corcoran Building.

City.

Sir;

I return herewith bill of the Union Pacific Railroad, enclosed in your communication of the 26th instant, for transportation of passengers in August last, with the information that the ticket issued to myself on transportation order No 796 was used only from Ogden to Cheyenne, as will be seen from the punch marks on the ticket herewith enclosed.

I will thank you to have the amount corrected, so that the charge on the order named will be only for the distance actually traveled.

I notified the agent at Ogden that I desired transportation only to Cheyenne, but he declined to issue the ticket except for the whole distance, for lack of authority, as he said.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Pritchard,

Director.

Supt. Mint.

Sept. 27. 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir,

Referring to my letter of yesterday in relation to transferring the names of those employed in your Mint to a new Official Register, I desire to say, that if it should not reach you until after your rolls for the month of September have been paid, and you desire to have the names appear differently, you will please forward a list of the persons employed in each department, arranged in such order as you wish them to appear.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

N. P. Lawver Esq.

Sept. 27. 1882.

Assayer Bureau of the Mint.

Sir,

You are authorized to proceed to St Louis and there visit and inspect the U. S. Assay Office in that City, to test its balances and scales, and examine and report as to the methods of assaying and the general condition of the institution. While engaged in this duty your actual necessary traveling expenses will be paid upon statement of an account accompanied by proper vouchers.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Telegram

Daniel Meyer.

Sept 28. 1882.

San Francisco. Cal.

Your offer accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Confirmed.

Similar Telegram to,Archd. S. Pelitz.

San Francisco

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Telegram

Anglo Californian Bank.

Sept. 28. 1882.

San Francisco Cal

Your offer declined

Noratio C. Burchard.

Confirmed

Director.

Similar telegram to.

J. B. Nugent.

Acrada Bank.

San Francisco Cal.

San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.

Sept. 28. 1882.

Denver Colorado.

Your offer accepted at one hundred thirteen and eighty four hundredths cents per ounce fine for New Orleans.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram

Nandy & Cronie.

Sept. 28. 1882.

24 Nassau Street.

New York.

One hundred thousand ounces of your offer accepted for New Orleans and balance for Philadelphia.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint.

Sept. 28. 1882.

New Orleans.

Receive from Boston and Colorado Smelting Company forty thousand ounces at one hundred thirteen and eighty four hundredths cents per ounce fine. and from Nandy & Cronie one hundred thousand ounces at one hundred thirteen and eighty seven hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram

Sept. Minst.

Sept. 28, 1882.

San Francisco, Cal.

✓ Receive twenty five thousand ounces from Daniel Meyer and fifty thousand ounces from Hohl and Pollitz both at one hundred thirteen and eighty-five hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Bruchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor.

A. M. Larrow, Esq.

Sept. 28, 1882.

45 Merchants Exchange.

California Street.

San Francisco.

Sir:

✓ You are hereby authorized and requested to collect the statistics of the production of gold and silver during the year 1881 by the mines of the Territory of Arizona, and to prepare and forward to me on or before the 20th of January next a report upon the production of the Territory by counties and districts, with detailed sketches of the producing mines and statements, as far as practicable, of the shipments from the various localities, similar to the sketches and statements contained in that portion of my last special report relating to Arizona.

Should you deem it necessary, you are authorized to visit, personally, the mining regions of Arizona.

While engaged in this work you will be paid a compensation of six dollars per day for the time actually employed, and will, upon the statement of your account accompanied by proper vouchers, be reimbursed for your actual traveling expenses, to an amount for compensation and expenses, in the aggregate not exceeding six hundred dollars.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Bruchard.

Quictor.

Messrs Morton, Bliss & Co.
New York.

Sept. 28. 1882.

Gentlemen

Your letter of the 27th instant requesting me to send for the use of the Credit Lyonnais, London, a copy of the latest report in regard to the working of the Bland Bill, and any information I may think of interest to them, has been received.

An official report has been made, to my knowledge, upon that subject. I send you by current mail the reports of the Director of the Mint for the years 1880 and 1881, and a special report on the Production of the Precious Metals in the United States for the year 1880, which shows the production and coinage of silver in this country, and contains much other monetary information that may be of use in their examination of this question.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burdard,
Director.

Messrs Merchant & Co.
125 Arch Street
Philadelphia.

Sept. 28. 1882.

Gentlemen

In answer to your letter of the 27th instant I regret that I am unable at present to give you any further information in regard to the Cranston Hydraulic Elevator.

I have forwarded your letter to Mr Skidmore requesting him to give me such information as he has or can obtain in regard to the machine, as the article referring to it was prepared by him.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burdard,
Director.

Messrs. C. S. Penymann & Co.

Sept. 28, 1882.

Mobile Ala.

Gentlemen.

✓ Your letter of the 21st instant to the Treasurer of the U.S. has been referred to this office, and in reply I have to state that silver is only coined by the Mints on government account. Mexican dollars and other foreign silver coin are purchased by the Mint at New Orleans as bullion at a price fixed from time to time by this Office. To day the price is $113\frac{6}{10}$ cts per ounce fine.

Very respectfully,

Norris P. Burchard.

Supt. Mint.

Sept. 28, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I return check for \$500.00 enclosed in your letter of the 27th inst properly endorsed.

Very respectfully,

Norris P. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

Sept. 28, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

Purchases of silver bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for as may be preferred either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York payable in silver dollars to wit of

J. B. H. Elligman & Co 25,000 ounces at \$ 1.1385.

J. B. H. Elligman & Co 50,000 ounces at \$ 1.1380.

Nandy & Cronce 125,000 ounces at \$ 1.1387

Very respectfully Norris P. Burchard.

Quictor.

W. A. Skidmore Esq.
San Francisco.

Sept. 28, 1882.

Sir;

I have received a letter, a copy of which I enclose you. I have no information or description of Cranston's 'Hydraulic' Elevator, which was mentioned by you in the article prepared by you for my report of 1880.

Please inform me what answer to make to the enquiry.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burghard.

Quictor.

E. B. Haley Esq.
Cleveland Ohio.

Sept. 29, 1882.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 22nd instant I enclose herewith a circular in relation to the value of mutilated silver coin which I believe answers all your interrogatories as nearly as the same can be given.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burghard.

Quictor.

Sept. 29th Minst
Philadelphia

Sept. 29, 1882.

Sir;

The list of employes, referred to in your letter of yesterday, will answer my purposes as well as the pay-rolls.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burghard.

Quictor.

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

Sept. 30, 1882.

New Orleans.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred thirteen and three tenths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Bruchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Similar telegram to.

Telegram

Supt. Mint.Supt. Mint.

Carson.

✓ San Francisco.

W. F. Adams.

Sept. 30, 1882.

Asst. Treasurer of Miners

Smelting and Reduction Company.

Golden Colo.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 25th inst. I have to state that the Superintendents of the Mints at New Orleans and Philadelphia are authorized to purchase silver bullion in lots of less than 10,000 ounces at a price fixed from time to time by this office, and not exceeding the equivalent of the London rate. To day the price at New Orleans is 113.30 per ounce 1000 fine and at Philadelphia 113.20.

The price is liable to be changed at any time to correspond with the market rate and the price received by you in case you decide to ship and sell your silver direct to the government, would be that fixed for the day your bullion was received at either mint. payment would be made you in silver dollars, or by draft on Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York payable in such coin.

Should you decide to ship your silver to either of the mints, it would probably be more advantageous to you to have the drafts forwarded to your New York correspondent as by doing this you would draw against them for the approximate value of the bullion in one or two days after making shipment.

If you decide to sell your silver to the govern-

ment, I will thank you to address this office, as to the manner in which you desire payment to be made, that instructions may be given to secure prompt compliance with your wishes.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

Denver Mint, Col.

Sept. 30. 1882.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day viz.

12 Department Stationery requisitions; also a copy of instructions as to making same for stationery supplies.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

Denver Mint.

Sept. 30. 1882.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 23rd inst. requesting to be furnished with certain stationery and blank forms, I desire to know whether the 1000 circulars and 500 statements are required in addition to the 2000 of each sent you on the 28th ultimo.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Assay Office.

New York.

Sept. 30. 1882.

Sir;

I will thank you to transmit to this office statements for July, August, and September of gold bars exchanged

for gold coin as required by my letter of May 27th 1882.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Director

Supt. Mint.

Sep. 30. 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

Enclosed I send you copy of the Act approved May 26th 1882, authorizing the exchange of gold bars for United States gold coin.

You are instructed hereafter to report on your daily statement of balances, the amount of bars, if any exchanged for U. S. gold coin, and to forward, at the end of each month to this office a report showing the number, weight and value of the bars exchanged, and with whom the exchanges were made. If any such exchanges have been made up to this date you will please report the same at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

Sep. 30. 1882.

Philadelphia

Sir;

Your letter of the 29th instant, placing on the list of medals for sale at the Mint the medals therein named and their respective prices as follows is approved.

Count De Flury for Strong Point	<u>\$125</u>
Great Seal Medal	<u>150</u>
James A. Garfield Presidential	<u>200</u>

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

Sept. 30. 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

Until further notice, the purchasing rate of silver Bullion in lots of less than ten thousand ounces will be 1.13, 20 cents per ounce fine.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

Sept. 30. 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary, Refining, and Standard Silver dollar expense accounts with abstracts and vouchers for the month ending August 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

Sept. 30. 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir;

Enclosed I send you copy of the Act approved May 26th 1882, authorizing the exchange of gold bars for United States gold coin.

You are ^{instructed} hereafter to report on your daily statement of balances the amount of bars, if any exchanged for U. S. gold coin, and to forward at the end of each month to this office a report showing the number weight and value of the bars exchanged, and with whom the exchanges were made. If any such exchange have been made up to this date, you will please report the same at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Hon. Chas. J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sept. 30, 1882.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith estimates of appropriations required for the support of this Office and the Mint and Assay Offices of the United States during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1884.

The total appropriations for the support of the Mint Service during the present fiscal year amounted to \$1,263,010, including \$30,000 for freight on bullion and coin.

The total amount of the estimates herewith submitted for the next fiscal year is \$1,262,930, including the same amount for freight on bullion and coin as for the present fiscal year, which is a reduction of \$80 from the appropriations for the present fiscal year.

I have asked that the position of assistant messenger in this Office be changed to a clerk at a \$1,000 for the reason that the person now filling the position named performed clerical service and should be compensated accordingly.

I have also asked that the salary of the helper be increased from \$360 a year to \$600, as the former amount is not considered sufficient compensation for the services rendered.

The estimate for collecting Mining Statistics is the same as was appropriated for the fiscal year 1881, and only \$50 more than the amount appropriated for 1882.

I consider \$5,000 the least amount that will be sufficient to make a full and complete investigation of the production of the precious metals in this country and to collect and collate the statistics pertaining thereto which is less than one half of the amount appropriated for that purpose prior to 1881.

Under the head of Philadelphia Mint, I have recommended an increase in the salaries of the chief clerk and book keeper of \$250 each. The chief clerk at present

revised \$2,250 and the increase, if granted will place his salary on an equality with that paid the chief clerks at the Mint at San Francisco and the Assay Office at New York. As the chief clerk is required by law to act as Superintendent in the absence of that officer it would seem that the salary paid the chief clerk at the Philadelphia Mint should be equal to that paid at any of the others.

The bookkeeper at the Philadelphia Mint fills a difficult and laborious position to which he has given the best years of his life. The increase submitted will, if granted increase his pay to \$2,250, which will then be less than that paid the bookkeeper at the San Francisco Mint and New York Assay Office, and I earnestly recommend that his salary be increased to the amount named.

An increase of \$3,000 has been recommended for 'Wages of Workmen' at the San Francisco Mint for the reason that the expenses under that head for the last two fiscal years have been at the rate submitted, and the Superintendent is of the opinion that a smaller amount will not be sufficient.

It is recommended that the salary of the register of deposits at the New York Assay Office be increased from \$1,250 to \$1,600 per annum as the position is a responsible one, and it is difficult to secure the services of a competent person at the present compensation.

An increase of \$500 has been recommended in the salary of the Assayer in charge of the Mint at Denver and \$250 in the salary of the Melter at the same institution, while the estimate for incidentals and contingent purposes has been reduced from \$9,000 to \$6,000. As the expenses of living in Denver are higher than in most cities I think that the salaries paid the officers should be placed at the figures submitted in the estimates.

Very respectfully. Horatio C. Byrhard.
Quictor.

Telegram

Supt. Mint.Oct. 2nd 1882

San Francisco.

✓ Ascertain and telegraph immediately imports and exports in September at Port of San Francisco of United States gold and silver coin respectively.

Noratis C. Buschard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

Oct. 2, 1882

Carson.

✓ Telegraph immediately Coinage for September.

Noratis C. Buschard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint.

Oct. 2, 1882.

New Orleans.

✓ Can you coin six hundred thousand silver dollars in October without any increase in force. Answer.

Noratis C. Buschard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Philip N. Bliss, Esq.

Oct. 2, 1882.

Akron, Ohio.

Sir;

✓ In reply to your letter of the 27th ultimo addressed to the Treasurer of the U. S. and referred to this office, relative to coinage of 5-cent nickel pieces during 1882, I would state that the Philadelphia Mint is now coming and issuing these pieces.

Very respectfully.

Noratis C. Buschard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.
Helena, Mont.

Oct 2, 1882.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day viz;

6 Calculation Blotter No 81.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Messrs John McDermott & Bros.

Oct 2, 1882.

#310 Penn Avenue.

Washington D.C.

Gentlemen,

I transmit herewith Treasury Draft No B. 18619 for \$5.50 drawn in your favor in payment of your bill for work done in the U. S. Laboratory connected with this Bureau. I will thank you to acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Oct. 2, 1882.

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 29th ultimo requesting to be furnished with a copy of the laws passed at the 1st Session 47th Congress. I have to state that the same have not yet been printed.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

Oct. 2. 1882.

Sir;

I will thank you to ascertain and transmit to this office, as early as practicable a statement showing the import and export of United States gold and silver coin respectively at the Port of New York during the month of September 1882.

Very respectfully.

Noratio L. Burchard.

Quicks.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Oct. 2. 1882.

Sir;

The number of silver dollars to be coined by your Mint during the month of October is hereby fixed at One Million pieces.

Very respectfully.

Noratio L. Burchard.

Quicks.

Assayer in Charge.
Charlotte, N. C.

Oct. 3. 1882.

Sir;

Please forward your requisition for funds for the present month upon receipt of this letter.

Very respectfully.

Noratio L. Burchard.

Quicks.

Similar letter to

Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

Supt. Mint.
New Orleans.

Telegram.

Supt. Minit.

Oct. 3. 1882.

San Francisco.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred thirteen cents per ounce fine.

✓

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor.

Similar telegram to

Telegram

Supt. Minit.Supt. Minit.

New Orleans.

Carson

Telegram.

Supt. Minit.

Oct. 3. 1882.

San Francisco.

Consign six hundred thousand silver dollars in October.

✓

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor.

Similar telegram to.

Telegram

Supt. Minit.

New Orleans.

✓

Telegram

A. M. Lawver

Oct. 3. 1882.

45 Merchants Exchange.

San Francisco.

Letter of September twenty second not official. Mailed your instructions Thursday. Statistics from Minit. unnecessary.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor

Supt. Minit.

Oct. 3. 1882.

Carson.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 25th ultimo, in relation to the balance in your "profit and loss account" on June 30. 1882, you are hereby instructed to deposit the amount \$676,52 as charges other than parting and refining.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

Oct. 3. 1882.

Carson.

Sir;

The number of silver dollars to be coined by your Mint during the month of October is hereby fixed at one hundred thousand pieces.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quiclor

Supt. Mint.

Oct. 3. 1882.

Carson.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Refining Expense account with abstracts and vouchers for the month ending August 31st 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quiclor.

Joseph Mims.

Oct. 3. 1882.

Chief of Bureau of Statistics.

Sir;

Please inform me as soon as possible the imports and exports respectively of United States gold and silver coin during the month of August at the ports of the United States. If reports have not been received from all the ports, please send for statements for such ports as have been received at this date.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quiclor.

Capt. Minit.

New Orleans.

Oct. 3. 1882.

Sir;

I have this day requested that the bullion fund of your Minit. be increased by a transfer of Two Hundred Thousand dollar dollars and that the same be placed to your credit with Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Capt. Minit.

New Orleans.

Oct. 3. 1882.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 29th ultimo, in which you state that the contingent expenses of your Minit for the last quarter of the fiscal year 1882 amounted to seventy cents more than the sum entered at this Office on your statement of "Earnings and Expenditures" which was returned for correction, I have to inform you that in the account of your predecessor for the month of April, voucher No 174 was approved for \$70.03 instead of 70.28 a difference of twenty five cents, and in his account for the month of June there was an over-charge of forty five cents on three gallons of turpentine in voucher No 220; the sum of these two amounts is seventy cents, which is the amount referred to.

Your attention is directed to letters from this Office dated May 10th and August 18th. 1882 informing your Minit of the disapproval of the amounts named.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Messrs Pope, Cole, & Co.
57 South Gay Street
Baltimore.

Oct. 3, 1882.

Gentlemen,

I have received your communications of the 26th and 30th ultimos, enclosing duplicate receipted bills for copper shipped the Mint at San Francisco, and have to inform you that I have referred your bills to the Superintendent of the Mint ~~and~~ the city named with instructions to forward you a draft for the amount on receipt of the copper in good condition.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Oct. 3, 1882.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver bullion in lots of less than ten thousand ounces will be 1.13 cents per ounce fine.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Oct. 3, 1882.

Sir:

The special assay coins received from deliveries during the month of September, and enclosed in your letter of the 2nd instant, have been received viz:

4 Standard silver dollars

\$4.

2 Eagles

20.

5 Quarters

.50

\$24.50

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Oct. 3, 1882.

Sir;

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$800. to meet the expenses of the refining in connection with your institution, during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and Refining bullion"

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Oct. 3, 1882.

Sir;

I have requested that the Bullion fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of one million standard silver dollars, the same to be placed to your credit with Asst. Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Oct. 3, 1882.

Sir;

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to advance you the sum of ten thousand dollars \$10,000 from the appropriation contained in the Act authorizing the coinage of the Standard silver dollar, to meet the additional expenses of your Mint under this head during the current month, as requested in your letter of the 2nd inst.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Quicksilver.

Supt. Mmit.

Oct 3, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of October 1882 has been approved for the sum of \$ 36.50 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mmit during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1883	\$ <u>46.00.</u>
Wages of workmen	"	<u>28.00.</u>
Contingent Expenses	"	<u>6.00.0</u>

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard

Quiclor.

Supt. Mmit.

Oct 3, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

C. I. No 5616 for \$ 182.37 being on account of proceeds of sale of old material enclosed in your communication of the 30th ultimo has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quiclor.

Supt. Mmit.

Oct 3, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir;

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to meet the expenses of your refinery during the current month. Your requisition was for \$15,000 but in view of the fact that \$4,000 was requested

is be placed to your credit at New York from this appropriation to day, of which you were probably ^{not} aware, I have thought that \$10,000 would be sufficient.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quitor.

Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Oct 3, 1882.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of October, 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$30,500, payable from the following appropriation made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1883	<u>\$3,500</u>
Wages of Workmen.	1883	<u>22,000</u>
Contingent Expenses	1883	<u>5,000</u>

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quitor.

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco.

Oct 3, 1882.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York the sum of eight thousand dollars \$4,000, from the appropriation for parting and refining Bullion and \$4,000 from your Contingent appropriation for the current fiscal year, to enable you to pay bills for copper purchased on the 13th ultimo.

I enclose herewith duplicate receipted bills of Messrs Pope, Cole, & Co. for the copper referred to; one for \$3,600 payable from your Contingent appropriation and one for \$3,605.04, payable from the appropriation for parting

and refining bullion. Upon receipt of the copper in proper condition, you will please forward to the firm named a draft on New York for the amount.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Mr Chas. J. Folger.

Oct 3, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans be increased in the sum of Two Hundred Thousand dollars (\$200,000) by a transfer of that amount in standard silver dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Mr Chas. J. Folger.

Oct 3, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of One Million dollars (\$1,000,000) by a transfer of that amount in standard silver dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Messrs. B. Weltermann & Co.

Oct. 3. 1882.

838 Broadway

New York City.

Gentlemen

I will thank you to procure for this office a copy of the work entitled "Die Beralkerung der Erde" by Drs. Behm and Wagner and published by Julius Perthes Gotha. You will please transmit your bill for the same in duplicate to this office for settlement.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

Oct 4. 1882.

Charlotte, N. C.

Sir;

I have this day requested that the Bullion fund of your office be increased \$5,000 by a transfer of that amount and that of this sum \$5,000 be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York and that the balance (\$5,000) be transmitted you in gold coin of the following denominations, viz:

\$5.	—	<u>\$1,000.</u>
10.	—	<u>2,000.</u>
20.	—	<u>2,000.</u>

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

Oct 4. 1882

Selma, Mont.

Sir;

I have this day requested that the Bullion fund of your office be increased \$10,000 by a transfer of that amount and that the same be transmitted you in Standard silver dollars.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

Oct 4, 1882.

Carleton

Sir;

In compliance with your request, I have requested the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, upon receipt of information from you that the new balance recently purchased and forwarded to your Mint, has been received, that he will instruct M. W. N. Clark, the adjuster of weights &c to proceed to your City and set up this balance and make such repairs of the balance in use and adjustments of weights as may be found necessary.

Orders for transportation from San Francisco, to Reno, Nev., and return have been sent Mr Clark.

While engaged in this service you will pay Mr Clark's necessary expenses from your appropriation for contingent expenses upon his furnishing you with proper vouchers.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

Oct 4, 1882.

Charlotte, N. C.

Sir;

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of October 1882 has been approved for the sum of \$398.36, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year viz

Salaries	1883	<u>\$ 231.70</u>
Wages of workmen	1883	
Contingent Expenses	1883	<u>166.66</u>

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge

Oct 4, 1882.

Helena, Mont.

Sir;

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for Blank Memorandums of Gold Bullion deposited Form 42. D and as requested in your letter of the 26th inst. 1000 copies will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Hon Charles J. Folger

Oct 4, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that the Bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mont. be increased Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) by a transfer of that amount and that the same be transmitted the Assayer in Charge of said Assay Office in standard silver dollars.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.

Oct 4, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that the Bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. be increased Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) by a transfer of that amount and that of this sum Five Thousand Dollars \$5,000 be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said assay office with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York and that the balance Five thousand Dollars \$5,000 be transmitted him in gold coin of the following denominations and exports,

viz:
 \$3. 1,000
 10. 2,000
 20. 2,000

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

Oct. 4. 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir;

A new bullion balance having been purchased and forwarded to the U. S. Mint at Carson, I deem that W. N. Clark the adjuster of weights at your Mint, should go to Carson to set up this balance and make such repairs to other balances, and adjustment of weights at this institution as may be found necessary. I therefore enclose herewith orders for his transportation from San Francisco to Reno, Nev. and return, and will thank you upon receipt of information from the Superintendent of the Carson Mint when he will deem Mr Clark's presence to instruct him to proceed to Carson as early as practicable.

While engaged in this service Mr Clark will be allowed his necessary expenses upon rendering proper vouchers for the same to the Superintendent of the Carson Mint who has been instructed to pay them.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Telegram. Supt. Assay Office.

Oct. 5. 1882.

New York.

Please forward immediately statement of coins, imports and exports requested in my letter second instant.

Horatio C. Burchard

Quictor.

Mrs. C. Cahn.

Oct. 5, 1882.

214 East 48th St

New York.

Madam,

Your letter of the 4th instant, enquiring if your dismissal was approved by me, has been received.

The dismissal took place during my absence here, and was approved by the Acting Director.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Joseph Munnio, Jr.

Oct 5, 1882.

Chief of Bureau of Statistics.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Your statement of the imports and exports of gold and silver coin and bullion for the month of August 1882 has been received. Please accept my thanks for your prompt attention to my request.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Charles Lyman Esq.

Oct 5, 1882.

Chairman Committee

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 14th ultimo requesting me to state the total clerical force of this office, the rooms occupied thereby, designating the number of rooms and clerks occupying desks therein, I have to state that rooms 33, 35, and 37, west front 2nd story and rooms 19 and 21 of the attic story, west side of the Treasury Building proper are occupied by the Bureau of the Mint.

Room 37 is the public office of the Bureau and has

been occupied by the Director and the stenographic clerk.

Rooms 33^{and} 35 are the working rooms for the clerks and also contain besides their desks the blanks used in correspondence with and from the Mints and Assay Offices, the records and files of the Bureau and the files of the daily correspondence, returns and reports from the Mints and Assay Offices (item in number.) Rooms 19^{and} 21 have been fitted up for the Assay Laboratory connected with this Bureau, which are ruled by the Assayer and his helper in making assays of coins received from the Mints and of bullion and ores submitted for analysis or assay.

For this purpose two rooms are absolutely necessary for the weighing must necessarily be done in a room where the accuracy of the balances will not be affected by dust and dirt unavoidable in the room containing the ovens and furnaces.

Fourteen clerks and employees of the Bureau are assigned to rooms 33^{and} 35 and are as many as can be advantageously accommodated without injury to health and detriment to the business of the office.

During the last year, Mr E. B. Elliott, Government Actuary in charge of the Treasury Department, has remained at and occupied the desk used by him when an employe in this Bureau, but his present work is in no way connected, but interferes with the business of the office in this room, and he should be, as he deserves, furnished other quarters.

In the original assignment of rooms to this Bureau for clerical work besides the three Nos. 33, 35, ^{and} 37 enumerated, No 41 was also placed in charge of the Director making four adjoining and communicating rooms. At that time the force of the office, consisted besides the Director of but eight clerks and employes.

The work has been largely increased and seven additional clerks and employes, besides the Assayer and his helper have been provided for the Bureau.

Of the fourteen persons occupying rooms 33 & 35, all of whom but one are performing clerical duty, eight are assigned to desks in room 35, and six in room 33, but one of the latter on account of the crowded condition of room 33, has been placed temporarily in the adjoining room.

The files of this office are rapidly accumulating, and I would therefore ask that beside the exclusive assignment to this bureau of rooms 33 and 35, in addition to room 37 for the Quictors office (Mr Elliott being assigned a room elsewhere) an additional room or rooms should be assigned for the storage of blanks and such of its files as are not needed for immediate use and frequent reference.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Telegram

Anglo Californian Bank.

October 5th 1882.

San Francisco.

Your offer declined.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Confirmed

Similar telegram to.

Telegram

J. B. Naggin

San Francisco

Daniel Meyer

San Francisco.

Telegram.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company.

October 5. 1882.

Denver Colorado.

Your offer accepted at one hundred thirteen and fifteen hundredths cents per ounce fine for New Orleans.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Confirmed.

Telegram.

Nandy & Cronin.

October 5. 1882.

24 Nassau Street. New York.

Your offers for Philadelphia and New Orleans accepted one hundred thousand ounces for each.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Confirmed.

Telegram

J. W. Seligman & Co.

October 5, 1882.

New York.

✓ Your offers of fifty thousand ounces at one thirteen ten and twenty five thousand ounces at one thirteen fifteen accepted, other declined.

Horatio C. Burchard

Confirmed.

Quictor ✓

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

October 5, 1882.

New Orleans.

✓ Rec'd from Boston and Colorado Smelting Company thirty thousand ounces at one hundred thirteen and fifteen hundredths cents and from Nandy and Cronin one hundred thousand ounces at one hundred thirteen and twelve hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Quictor.

Supt. Assay Office.

October 5, 1882.

New York.

Sir;

✓ I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you, the sum of \$7,000 to meet the expenses of the refining in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining Bullion".

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor. ✓

Supt. Assay Office.

October 5, 1882.

New York.

Sir;

✓ Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of October 1882. has been approved for the sum of \$6200. payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your

institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1883	\$ 3,300.
Wages of workmen	1883	2,000.
Contingent Expenses	1883	900

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Robert Beall Esq.

Oct. 5, 1883.

City.

Sir;

Return you the books you sent me by messenger for examination except, Dana's Text book of Mineralogy, "Elements of Geology", Stueckers "Organic Chemistry" and, Wright's "Metals and their applications" for which make bill of sale to the United States for the Bureau of the Mint and forward to my office.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Ottomar Naupht Esq.

October, 5, 1882.

13 Rue Aubert.

Paris.

Sir;

I have the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 20th ultimo and a previous letter of the 9th of July which latter came to my Office during my absence and was brought to my attention but a few days since. I am much obliged for your estimates of the gold and silver circulation of various countries.

You refer to the tables of circulation contained in my reports. The figures I give are based upon official papers received at my Office, and published in the Director's reports, or upon authorities which are given in the foot-notes. In some cases I have not been entirely

Satisfied with the accuracy of the statements contained in the documents received, but have not felt at liberty to reject them, and substitute unofficial estimates.

I have also to acknowledge, and thank you for your book on Arbitrages et Parités, which is a very valuable work.

I will send you my next annual report, also a special report on the production of the Precious Metals in the United States for the year 1881, as soon as they are received, from the printer.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Director.

Sept. Mint.

October 5, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars. To wit: of—

J. & W. Seligman & Co 50,000 ounces at \$1.13 10

J. & W. Seligman & Co 25,000 ounces at \$1.13 15

Hendy & Brown 100,000 ounces at 1.13.12

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.
St. Louis.

October 5, 1882.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expenses account with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending Sept. 30, 1882.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Burchard Director.

Supt. Mint
Philadelphia.

October 5, 1882.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 3rd instant wishing to know whether in asking permission to purchase from 10,000 to 20,000 pounds of nickel, it will be necessary to advertise for proposals, or can the last bids be taken as indications of the market and in reply I have to state that Section 3528 Revised Statutes requires that when nickel is required for the manufacture of the minor coins it should be purchased by the Superintendent with the approval of the Director, as to terms price and quality after advertisements.

It will therefore be necessary if you require nickel to forward to this office a form of advertisement for proposals that I may obtain authority from the Secretary of the Treasury for the insertion of such advertisement in one or more newspapers.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger
Secretary of the Treasury.

Oct. 5, 1882.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Two thousand Seven $\frac{20}{100}$ dollars (\$2,007.20) in gold coin, and Thirty five $\frac{92}{100}$ dollars (\$35.92) in silver coin making a total of Two thousand Forty three $\frac{12}{100}$ dollars (\$2,043.12). Being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 1447 dated Sep. 26th 1882. of gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard

Director.

Supt. Mint.

October 5, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir;

Your letter of the 5th ultimo, transmitting the estimates for appropriations required for the support of your Mint for the fiscal year 1884, and calling attention that the appropriation for wages of workmen for the present fiscal year will fall short about seven thousand dollars at the present rate of expenditure, was received at this bureau in my absence and held for my consideration and reply.

After a careful examination and comparison of the work and expenditure of the San Francisco Mint for the last five years, and in view of the statements of the operating officers accompanying your letter to the effect that the present force could not well be reduced, I decided in submitting the estimates, to ask an increase of three thousand dollars for wages of workmen over the appropriation for the present year.

I am not convinced, however that the work of your Mint in Coinage will then require the expenditure of that amount.

During the fiscal year 1879 there were coined at your Mint 1,798,500 pieces of gold of the value of \$29,329,250 and 12,722,000 of silver dollars, at an expense for workmen and adjutives of \$260,990.84, fifty one adjutives being employed; while for the year 1880, upon a reduced coinage of silver but a larger number of gold coins, the expenditures for wages of workmen were only \$252,235.75. Taking these expenditures as a basis the Committee on Appropriations reduced the appropriation for wages of workmen for the fiscal year 1882 to 260,000.

Contrary to expectation the appropriation for wages of workmen was found to be insufficient and a reduction of the force of adjutives was made by my order.

The coinage executed at your Mint during the month of August of the present year was unusually large and may have required the full force employed, but it was more than twice the average monthly gold coinage

of the past or that may be expected in the future.

It was confidently hoped that the purchase of the reducing machine at an expense of \$1,000, which was estimated to save one eighth of the labor of adjusting, and the importation for your Mint of two separating machines, at an expense of over \$5,000 would enable the Superintendent to reduce the force within the appropriation.

I would not feel justified in asking a monthly advance to you from the appropriation contained in the act authorizing the coinage of the silver dollar as requested in your letter, as there is no good reason why the expenses should not be covered by the appropriation made by Congress.

If a reduction of expenses for labor should be found impossible, toward the close of the fiscal year.

I would request that an advance be made you from the appropriation named sufficient to complete the service of the year. But until the question of a reduction of force has been well considered and the work of the year has determined whether or not it can be made with advantage. I must decline to recommend the use of the appropriation contained in the act named.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.

Oct 6, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Addison A. Nasson, a first class clerk in this Bureau, for his faithful attention and efficient performance of his clerical duties, be promoted to the Clerkship of the Second Class now vacant.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Wm Chas. J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Oct. 6, 1882.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa of the sum of nine hundred and eighty-four $\frac{39}{100}$ dollars (\$984.39) in gold coin, and eight $\frac{04}{100}$ dollars (\$8.04) in silver coin, making a total of nine hundred and ninety-two $\frac{43}{100}$ dollars (\$992.43) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte for coinage as shown by memorandum No 1487, dated Oct 9 1882 of gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

W. H. Wiley, Esq.
State School of Mines,
Golden, Colo.

Oct 6, 1882.

Sir,

In reply to your request of the 1st inst. I send you by to day's mail a copy of my special report on Production of gold and silver in U. S. for 1880.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Robert Beall Esq.
496 Penn Ave City.

Oct 6, 1882.

Sir,

Your note of yesterday and bill for books retained for the Bureau is received. I had taken two of the books to my room at the Riggs House, instead of one, as I supposed.

Your bill is right excepting that the title of the first should be "Manual" instead of "Elements" of Geology.

Please send bill corrected in that particular and I will
approve and transmit it to the auditing officers for payment.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burghard.

Director.

A. M. Lawver,

October 7, 1882.

45 Merchants Exchange.

San Francisco.

Not necessary to send circulars with letters to parties you
cannot see personally and furnish me with list of names.

Horatio C. Burghard.

Director.

Hon Chas J. Folger.

Oct 7, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion fund of the
U. S. Assay Office at New York be increased in the sum of
fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) by a transfer of that
amount in standard silver dollars, and that the same
be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said
assay office with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at
New York.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burghard.

Director.

Dept. Mint.

Oct 7, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 6th inst. I have to state that
the \$ & silver pieces now being forwarded from the Assistant
Treasurer to the Mint for re-coining are under instructions of
the Secretary of the Treasury, to be coined into a like amount of silver.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burghard

Director.

Supt. Mint.

Oct 9. 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir;

The following assay coins received during the month of September at your Mint for special assay and transmitted to this office have been received viz:

4 Double Eagles	\$80.00
4 S. S. Dollars	4.00
Total Value	<u>84.00</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
DirectorCol. C. W. Seaton.

Oct. 9. 1882.

Sup of Census.

Sir;

I will thank you to furnish this office with the latest data relative to the population of the United States for use in connection with the compilation of an official paper.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
DirectorAssayer in Charge
Denver.

Oct 9. 1882.

Sir;

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of October 1882 has been approved for the sum of \$26.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year viz:

Salaries	1883	\$1,000
Wages of workmen	1883	1,000
Contingent Expenses	1883	<u>5.00</u>

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director

Supt. Mint.

Oct 9, 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir;

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of October 1882 has been approved for the sum of \$ 11,550 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1883.	\$ <u>2500.</u>
Wages of workmen	1883	<u>6250.</u>
Contingent Expenses	1883	<u>2800.</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

Oct 9, 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1000 Coinage Statements to 86.

500 Sheets Statement paper

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

Oct. 9, 1882.

St. Louis.

Sir;

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of October 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$494.80 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1883	\$ <u>294.80</u>
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Wages of workmen	1883	<u>200.</u>
Contingent Expenses		

Very respectfully Horatio C. Burchard Director

Telegram. Supt. Mint.

Oct 10. 1882.

Carson. Nev.

Telegraph immediately the amount of gold bullion in your Bullion Fund at the close of business September thirtieth.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Director.

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

Oct 11. 1882.

Carson. Nev.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred twelve and three fourths cents per ounce fine.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Similar telegram to.

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

Supt. Mint.

New Orleans.

San Francisco.

Assayer in Charge.

Oct 11. 1882.

Boise City.

Sir,

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day. viz:

20 Abstracts of Ordinary Expenses.

20 Abstracts of Petty Expenses.

20 Account Currents.

Very respectfully.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

Oct 11. 1882.

Boise City.

Sir,

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of October 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$750.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your

office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries 1883 \$252.70

Wages of workmen. 1883

Contingent Expenses. 1883 497.30 \$750.00

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

Oct. 11, 1882.

Carson.

Sir,

I have this day requested that your bullion fund, be increased One Hundred thousand dollars, by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver dollars, and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at San Francisco by telegraph.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director

Supt. Mint.

Oct. 11, 1882.

Carson.

Sir,

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of October 1882 has been approved for the sum of \$10,500, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries 1883 \$2500

Wages of workmen 1883 6000

Contingent Expenses. 1883 2000 \$10,500

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

Oct. 11, 1882.

Boston.

Sir,

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$1000. to meet the expenses of the refining in connection with your institution during the present ~~month~~, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion"

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.

Oct. 11, 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir,

Your requisition of the 7th inst for 12 pairs of dies for the Standard silver dollar has been received and the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia requested to furnish you with the same.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard,

Quicksilver.

Supt. Assay Office.

Oct. 11, 1882.

New York.

Sir,

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day viz:

1000 bullion quotations No 126

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.

Oct 11, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

I have to request that you will cause the following dies to be prepared and transmitted to the Mint at New Orleans.

Standard Silver Dollars 12 obverse.

" " " 12 reverse.

The length of each die to be $1\frac{1}{8}$ inches.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

Oct 11, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

Until further notice the purchasing rate for silver bullion in lots of less than ten thousand ounces will be one hundred, twelve and three fourths ($112\frac{3}{4}$) cents per fine ounce.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

C. W. Seaton Esq.

Oct 11, 1882.

Superintendent of the Census.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 10th inst transmitting the ~~population~~ volume of the Tenth Census.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.
St. Louis.

Oct. 11, 1882.

Sir:

The leave of absence requested in your letter of the 7th instant is hereby approved, and Mr Clarence W. Hodge is designated to act in your stead during your absence.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Oct. 11, 1882.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the following sums be credited to the appropriations for wages of workmen of the following institutions for the current fiscal year, being the amounts paid from those appropriations for 35 days service to persons appropriated for at salaries in the Legislative Appropriation Act approved August 5th 1882 - viz:

Mint at Philadelphia: \$646.00

" " San Francisco 1,705.50

" " New Orleans 967.50

" " Carson City, Nev. 630.00

Assay Office at New York 705.00

" " " Helena Mint. 180.00

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Oct. 11, 1882.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nev., be increased in the sum One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver dollars, and that

the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the ^{land} Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. at San Francisco Cal. by telegraph.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Telegram.

A. M. Lawver,

Oct. 11, 1882.

46, Merchants Exchange.

San Francisco California.

When and where shall I forward official blanks and postage stamps for statistical purposes. Let telegraphic charge on answer be paid here.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

Oct 12, 1882.

Bouie City.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense account with abstracts and vouchers for the month ending Sept. 30th 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

Oct. 12, 1882.

Carson.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account with abstracts and vouchers for the month ending August 31st 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.
Charlotte S. C.

Oct 12. 1882.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your bullion accounts with abstracts and vouchers for the quarter ending Sept 30. 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Assayer in Charge.
Boise City.

Oct 12. 1882.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your supplemental Ordinary Expense Account Abstracts and Vouchers for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Assayer in Charge.
Boise City.

Oct. 12. 1882.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts Abstracts and Vouchers for the quarter ending Sep 30. 1882.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Assayer in Charge.
Charlotte A. C.

Oct. 12. 1882.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers for the three months ending Sept 30. 1882. Your attention is invited to the fact that these accounts should be rendered monthly.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

James R. Judge Esq.
Carson City Nev.

Oct. 12. 1882.

Sir;

I transmit herewith Treasury Draft No B 18341 for fifty dollars (\$50) drawn in your favor in payment of your bill for services as reporter and clerk in the investigation of the management of the Carson Mint during the month of September.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

Oct 12. 1882.

Carson. Nev.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 2nd inst., I have to inform you that the duplicate of voucher #7 of your ordinary Expenses account for the month of July 1882 has been referred to the Mint Auditor for file with the account. The second item of the original called for 577 $\frac{3}{4}$ instead of 597 $\frac{3}{4}$ yards of crash @ 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ per yard. Please cause bills for supplies to be more closely examined in future.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

Oct 12. 1882.

Carson. Nev.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 2nd instant I have to say that the stationery in question was shipped you on the 27th ultimo.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.
Denver Mint.

Oct 12. 1882.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense account with Abstracts and vouchers for the month ending September 30th 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Assayer in Charge.
Denver Mint.

Oct. 12. 1882.

Sir;

C. O No 605 for \$ 153. being on account of assays of ores enclosed in your communication of the 5th inst. has been received properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury no personal credit to be given you in your accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Assay Office
New York.

Oct 12. 1882.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and refining expense accounts Abstracts and vouchers for the month ending Sept. 30. 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

Oct. 12. 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

C. I. No 5620 for \$53, being on account of assays of ores enclosed in your communication of the 5th inst. has been received properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury no personal credit to be given you in your accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt"

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

Oct. 12. 1882

Philadelphia.

Sir,

C. I. No 5621 for \$700 being on account of profits on medals enclosed in your communication of the 6th inst has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your Medal Fund accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt"

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

Oct 12. 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

C. I. No 5623 for \$100,000, being on account of Minor Coinage profits enclosed in your communication of the 9th inst, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

Oct. 12, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your statement of Medal Fund Account with abstracts and vouchers for the quarter ending Sept 30 1882.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

Oct 12, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

Purchases of silver bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars to wit; of -

Handy & Cronise	100 000 ounces	at \$	<u>113. 14</u>
Jas. B. Colgate & Co	5'0 000	" "	<u>113. 16</u>
J & W. Seligman	25'000	" "	<u>113. 10</u>
J & W. Seligman	25'000	" "	<u>113. 12</u>

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

Oct 12, 1882

San Francisco.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and refining expense accounts with abstracts and vouchers for the month ending Sept. 30, 1882.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard. Quictor.

Supt. Mint

Oct. 12, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir;

✓ C.T. No. 261 for \$60. being on account of receipts for assays of ores enclosed in your communication of the 30th ultimo has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt".

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

Oct. 12, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir;

✓ C.T. No. 262 for \$845.12 being on account of sales of old material enclosed in your communication of the 30th ultimo has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury no personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director. ✓

Assayer in Charge.

Oct. 12, 1882.

St. Louis, Mo.

Sir;

✓ C.T. No. 5173 for \$108. being on account of assays of ores enclosed in your communication of the 9th inst has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury no personal credit to be given you in your accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt"

Very respectfully Horatio C. Burchard. Director.

Assayer in Charge.

Oct. 12. 1882.

St. Louis, Mo.

Sir;

C.D. No 5174 for \$ 7.29 being on account of charges for melting & stamping enclosed in your communication of the 9th inst has been received properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be carried into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Telegram

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company.

Oct. 12. 1882.

Denver Colorado.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred thirtien and ten hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Confirmed.

Telegram

Nandy & Cronie.

Oct. 12. 1882.

24 Nassau St.

New York.

Your offers for New Orleans and Philadelphia accepted.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Confirmed.

Telegram

Supt Mint.

Oct. 12. 1882.

New Orleans.

Recive from Nandy & Cronie one hundred thousand ounces at one hundred thirtien and fourteen hundredths cents and Boston and Colorado Smelting Company fifty thousand ounces at one hundred thirtien and ten hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Confirmed.

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

Oct 12, 1882.

San Francisco.

✓
 Received from Daniel Meyer twenty five thousand ounces at
 one hundred thirteen cents per ounce fine.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram

A. J. Reilly.

Oct-12, 1882.

Luria Grande Mining Co.

Exchange Building

Philadelphia, Pa.

Your offer declined.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Similar telegram to.

Telegram

J. B. Haggen.

San Francisco.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Telegram

J. & W. Seligman & Co.

Oct. 12, 1882.

New York.

Your offers accepted.

Noratio C. Burchard.

Confirmed.

Director.

Similar telegram toDaniel Meyer.

San Francisco.

California.

J. B. Colgate & Co.

47 Wall St.

New York.

Assayer in Charge.
Charlotte, N. C.

Oct. 13. 1882.

Sir;

I have received your statement of earnings and expenditures for the quarter ended Sept. 30th 1882. The earning of \$47.70 for assays of ore should be deposited, and the original certificate sent to this office with the statement named.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

Lewis Fichselin Esq.
Seligman Barry Co.
Missouri.

Oct. 13. 1882.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 9th inst. enclosing a half dollar and requesting that the premium on the same be forwarded to you. There is no premium paid by the government upon coin and the piece is worth no more than its face value. It is therefore herewith returned.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicks.

J. Luchrie Esq.
Room 91. Corcoran Building.
Washington D. C.

Oct. 13. 1882.

Sir;

Bills of the Union Pacific R.R. Co. for transportation of N. C. Burchard from Ogden to Cheyenne, and Fredrick Eckfeldt from Council Bluffs to Ogden, amounting to \$92.50, and of the Central Pacific R.R. Co for transportation of N. C. Burchard from San Francisco to Ogden, and C. C. Luch from San Francisco to Ogden, amounting to \$92. have been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for

examination and settlement.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Miss A. C. Nusted.

Oct. 13. 1882.

Coshocton Ohio.

Miss

Your letter dated April 18th 1882, sent by express with
nick sample of ore was received on the 27th ultimo.

The assayer states that the ore sent is a species of
sand stone containing what is commonly termed yellow
mica. It has no value.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

Oct 13. 1882.

Helena Montana.

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 5th instant, I will state
that the accounts as kept in this Bureau all correct and
correspond with the books of this Department.

Star Union Line freight bill ought to be \$4.17 instead
of \$4.07. The bill of the Missouri Pacific R. R. freight
amounting to \$36.54 is charged to the Denver Col Mint
and the bill of the Utah and Northern R. R. amounting
to \$8.84 is payable from the appropriation for Contingent
Expenses of your office for the fiscal year 1881.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

Oct. 13. 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of October 7th making requisition for twelve (12) pairs of standard silver dollar dies, I have to request that you will inform me whether, in view of the magnitude of the order these dies are to be for 1882. or 1883.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.

Oct. 13. 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I have to request that you will cause the following dies for the calendar year 1883 to be prepared and forwarded to the U. S. Mint at Carson Nev:

One (10)	Obverse	Standard Dollar
One (10)	Reverse	" "
Three (3)	Obverse	Double Eagle.
Three (3)	Reverse	" "
Two (2)	Obverse	Eagle
Two (2)	Reverse	" "
Two (2)	Obverse	Half Eagle.
Two (2)	Reverse	" "

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.

Oct. 13. 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 29th ultimo inquiring in relation to the advance of \$500. made you from the appropriation for collecting "Mining Statistics" in which you state that you were advised by the Treasurer U. S.

that the advance was from the appropriation for "Contingent Expenses" of this office.

I have to state for your information that the appropriation for "Collecting Mining Statistics" is this year embraced in the general heading of Contingent Expenses. Office of Director of the Mint, but you will treat the advance, and render your account of disbursements from it, the same as formerly viz: For Collecting Mining Statistics.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

Oct 13. 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th inst. transmitting lists of employes of the Assays and Coinage Departments of your Mint.

The order of the names will be followed closely in transcribing them to the Official Register from these lists and from the September pay-rolls of the General and Melters and Refiners Departments.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

First Auditor.

Oct. 14. 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir;

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Refinery and Standard Silver dollar expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the month ending August 31 1882. rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.
Denver, Col.

Oct. 14, 1882.

Sir;

I have received your statement of Earnings and Expenditures for quarter ended September 30th 1882. The amount collected for assays of ores \$163. should be deposited in the Treasury and the Certificate of deposit accompany the quarterly statement named.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Assayer in Charge.
Denver, Col.

Oct. 14, 1882.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your bulletin accounts, abstracts and vouchers for the quarter ending Sept. 30th 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

C. J. Crawford Esq.
Secy. Longfellow Mining Co.

Oct. 14, 1882.

Sir;

Your letter of the 12th inst. is received. The samples of ore mentioned as having been sent by registered mail have not yet arrived. The price fixed by the Department is \$3. for each sample of ore assayed, for gold and silver, and for other metals, according to the difficulty and expense of determining the same.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Messrs Merchant & Co.

Oct. 14, 1882.

525 Arch Street.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen;

✓ Enclosed I send you copy of a letter received from
Mr W. A. Skidmore of San Francisco which contained the
 information relating to Grant's Elevators requested in
 your communication of the 27th ultimo.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

Oct. 14, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper account-
 ing officers of the Department for examination an
 settlement your ordinary refinery & St Silver dollar expense
 accounts for the month ending August 31st 1882 with
 my approval.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Hon Chas J. Folger

Oct 14, 1882

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

✓ I have the honor to request that a transfer be made
 from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena,
 Mont. to that of the U. S. Assay Office at New York of the
 sum of Eight thousand two hundred and eighty eight $\frac{81}{100}$ dollars
 (\$8,288.81) in gold coin, and eighty three $\frac{94}{100}$ dollars (\$83.94)
 in silver coin, making a total of eight thousand one hundred
 and seventy two $\frac{75}{100}$ dollars (\$8,372.75) being the net value
 of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of
 the United States Assay Office at Helena for coinage as

shown by memorandum No 3357, dated Oct 2, 1882 of gold
bullion deposited at said Assay Office.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Purchard.

Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.

Oct. 14, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from
the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mont. to
that of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, of the sum of eight
thousand and thirty four ⁸⁸/₁₀₀ dollars (\$8,034.88) in gold coin and
one hundred and twenty two ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ dollars (\$122.50) in silver coin,
making a total of eight thousand one hundred and fifty seven
38 dollars (\$8,157.38) being the net value of bullion heretofore
forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States
Assay Office at Helena for coinage as shown by memorandum
No 3326, dated Sept. 29 1882. of gold bullion deposited at
said Assay Office.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Purchard.

Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.

Oct-14, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made
from the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mont.
to that of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, of the sum of
Twenty thousand, two hundred and thirty eight ⁷²/₁₀₀ dollars
(\$20,238.72) in gold coin, and three hundred and fifteen
⁰⁵/₁₀₀ dollars (\$315.05) in silver coin, making a total of
Twenty thousand, five hundred and fifty three ⁷⁷/₁₀₀ dollars
(\$20,553.77) being the net value of bullion heretofore for-
warded by the Assayer in charge of the United States

Assay Office at Helena for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 3122 dated Sept. 14. 1882 of gold bullion deposited at said Assay Office.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver. ✓

Hon Chas. J. Folger.

Oct. 14. 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the U.S. Assay Office at Charlotte N.C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia Pa. of the sum of one thousand two hundred and two $\frac{81}{100}$ dollars (\$1,202.01) in gold coin, and seven $\frac{88}{100}$ dollars (\$7.88) in silver coin, making a total of one thousand, two hundred and ninety $\frac{89}{100}$ dollars (\$1,209.89) being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte N.C. for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 1525 dated Oct. 9. 1882 of gold deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quicksilver. ✓

Hon Chas. J. Folger.

Oct. 14. 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the U.S. Mint at Denver Colorado to that of the Mint at Philadelphia Pa of the sum of eighty nine thousand three hundred and twenty seven $\frac{57}{100}$ dollars (\$89,327.07) in gold coin and five hundred and sixty eight $\frac{15}{100}$ dollars (\$568.15) in silver coin making a total of eighty nine, eight hundred and ninety five $\frac{22}{100}$ dollars (\$89,895.22) being the net value of bullion heretofore for-

warded by the assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver Col for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 1506, dated Oct 6. 1882 of gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

Noratio C. Buschard,

Quidior.

Hon Chas J. Folger.

Oct. 16. 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of August 25th last stating that provisions had been given for the transfer of silver 3¢ pieces from the several sub-treasury offices to the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for coinage and requesting that directions be given the Superintendent to cause all such uncurrent silver coins which may be transferred to him from the Treasury to be recoined into a like amount of dimes. I have the honor to transmit herewith Mint memorandum covering the transfer of Eighty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy one and $\frac{96}{100}$ Dollars (\$84,771.96) in silver 3¢ pieces the value of this in fractional silver coin being Seventy One Thousand, Six Hundred Twenty Three and $\frac{10}{100}$ dollars (\$71,623.10) showing a loss on recoinage of Thirteen Thousand One Hundred Forty Eight and $\frac{86}{100}$ Dollars (\$13,148.86) and for which sum the Treasurer of the United States should be reimbursed.

Very respectfully,

Noratio C. Buschard,

Quidior.

Hon Chas J. Folger.

Oct. 16. 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

I have the honor to recommend for appointment as a first-class clerk in this Bureau Mr Malone Wheeler, whose papers and recommendations are on file in the

Appointment Office. He is a skilled Stenographer and, as I am informed an accurate accountant, and his services would be of great value in my Office.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Augustus Bass. Esq.

Oct 16. 1882.

#335 Hudson St. New York.

Sir;

Your postal card of the 11th instant, addressed to the U. S. Treasurer, requesting to be informed of the premium on a silver dollar of 1804 has been referred to this office.

The government does not pay any premium on coins, but pieces of rare dates and in good preservation are in demand by numismatists and dealers in coin and curiosities.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

B. Bopp. Esq.

Oct. 16. 1882

#229 - Fulton St New York.

Sir;

Your letter of the 4th instant, addressed to the Asst. Treasurer of the U. S. relative to a 1¢ piece on which the inscription is the same on both sides, has been referred to this office.

No Coin such as described by ^{you} was ever struck by the Mint. It is possible that the piece in your possession has been made of the reverse of two coins soldered together.

Very respectfully

Horatio C. Burchard

Director.

Assayer in Charge.

Oct 16, 1882.

Boise City, Idaho.

Sir;

Upon examination of the Abstract sheets of your bullion accounts, for the quarter ended September 30, 1881, I found that you were paying for the full weight of the silver contained in deposits of gold bullion without deducting $\frac{4}{9}$ of the standard weight of the gold from the standard weight of the silver as required by the regulations and as printed at the top of the column on the abstract sheets in which the silver is entered.

I cannot imagine how you could make such an error as this, and would have supposed that the fact that the value of your bullion as determined at the Mint was on nearly every shipment during the last fiscal year found to be less than you paid the depositors would have suggested to you the possibility of some error in your method of determining the value of the deposits.

You have been paying depositors for more silver than they should be allowed, as the deduction of $\frac{4}{9}$ of the standard weight of gold from the standard weight of the silver is made on the theory that $\frac{1}{10}$ of the alloy of the gold coins may consist of silver, Section 3514 Revised Statutes.

You have also been imposing the old rate of charges for parting and refining at the San Francisco Mint.

I enclose herewith the schedule adopted July 1st 1881 which should be followed at your institution.

Your attention is particularly called to the charges for parting and refining as most of your deposits contain both gold and silver. In addition to the charge per ounce gross for parting and refining there is an additional charge of \$1. per 1000 ounces or less.

You will please give these matters your personal and particular attention and make yourself familiar with the requirements of the law, and regulations, and see to it that the proper calculations of standard weight.

value, and of charges are made, for if depositors are paid more than the value of their deposits you are personally responsible for the overpayments.

Very respectfully,

Horatio, C. Pritchard,

Quicksilver

Assayer in Charge.

Powell City.

Oct. 16th 1882.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a statement of bullion forwarded the Mint at San Francisco showing the difference in value and charges on each shipment as determined by you and at San Francisco. enclosed in your communication of the 3rd inst. in response to my letter of the 11th ultimo for the purpose of verifying a loss of \$82.50 entered in your bullion accounts on the bullion shipped the Mint at San Francisco. and paid from your charges.

There are two inaccuracies in the statement referred to viz: Nov 12, 1881. Shipment No 17. you have the charges collected at your institution \$26.56. The statement of that shipment forwarded in your letter of November 12, 1881. gives the charges at \$25.37.

May 10th 1882 Shipment No 23 the charges collected are given as \$13.47 while on the memorandum sent this office of the shipment, the charges on this deposit are given as \$13.57.

But aside from these errors the statement does not verify the loss you have entered in your bullion accounts. The gross value of the bullion as determined by you was. \$128,740.59 and at the Mint 128,634.02 leaving a loss of 106.57.

The charges collected by you for the Mint on the shipments amounted (corrected) to \$17.86 and the

charged deducted at the Mint on the same shipments amounted to \$496.72 leaving a profit to your institution of \$21.14.

Deducting this profit from the loss on the value leaves a net loss of \$86.43 instead of \$82.58 entered in your accounts.

The net profits on transportation charges entered in your statement are \$6.54 while the net profits called for and entered in your bullion accounts were \$6.09.

I will thank you to explain what connection the columns "Profit on deductions" and "Loss on deductions" have with the shipments and what you mean by the entries in these columns. The statement is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Bruchard.

Quicks.

C. J. James, Esq.
Normal, Ill.

Oct. 16, 1882.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 13th instant requesting certain information relative to U. S. coin and coinage.

In reply I have to state that gold is coined at the Mint free for depositors, except it require parting, refining or other operations to fit it for coinage. Silver is coined only on government account from bullion purchased for this purpose.

I send you by current mail a copy of the Instructions and Regulations relative to the Mint.

The Mint Manual of coins of all nations, prepared by James Ross Snowden, a former Quicks of the Mint and published by Lippincott & Co of Philadelphia, furnishes a history of the coinage of the U. S.

In reply to your question whether the government has always been ready to coin all gold and silver which private parties might offer, I may state that a deposit of gold for coinage, as soon as it is melted and assayed is always paid for in gold coin from the bullion fund.

Prior to 1853, silver was also coined for depositors into coins of any denomination required. Subsequent to that time, and until 1873 it was only coined into dollars for depositors, the fractional coin being coined on government account. The silver dollar being discontinued in 1873 and the trade dollar substituted, the latter was coined for depositors until 1876 since which time silver has been coined on government account.

Very respectfully.

Noratis, C. Bruchard.

Quidor.

Messrs Renan & Trshel

Oct. 16, 1882.

Wilmington N. C.

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 11th inst. addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury requesting to be informed of the meaning of the mint marks on gold coins has been referred to this office. The coins without any mark are of Philadelphia coinage; those with S. are of San Francisco. O. New Orleans C. C. Carson City. D. Dahlonega and G. Charlotte.

The mints at Charlotte and Dahlonega have been discontinued since 1861.

Very respectfully.

Noratis C. Bruchard.

Quidor.

A. M. Lawver Esq.

Oct. 16, 1882.

Tombstone Arizona.

Sir;

In reply to your telegram of the 12th inst. I forward you by to day's mail the following blanks &c viz:

- 500 Statements of production of ~~mines~~ ^{mines}
- 200 Statements of production of mining companies
- 200 Circular letters to miners.
- 400 Official postage stamps. (200 three cent and 200

Six cent stamps), 200 Envelopes.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Gen. S. S. Lowe.

Oct. 16, 1882.

Manager Anglo Californian Bank
San Francisco. Cal.

Sir;

Your letter of the 7th inst. is received informing me that the Navarion government has decided to issue a gold and silver coinage of its own and that you were requested by an agent of the government to ascertain if the United States would undertake the coinage at the Mint in your city.

The act of January 29, 1874, authorizes "coinage to be executed at the Mints of the U.S. for foreign countries under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe and the charges for the same to be equal to the expenses thereof including labor, material, and the use of machinery, to be fixed by the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury.

No special regulations have been prescribed by the Secretary, but I will at an early day submit the question to his consideration and inform you of the decision.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

Oct. 16, 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of lists of employees of the several Departments of your Mint, for use in connection with the opening of the new official Register of this Bureau. They will answer my purpose fully as well as would the regular rolls accompanying

your ordinary expense accounts.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

Oct 16. 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your ordinary expense account with abstracts and vouchers for the month ending September 30. 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

Oct 16. 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your bulletin accounts abstracts and vouchers for the quarter ending Sept 30 1882.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Supt. Mint.

Oct 16. 1882.

New Orleans

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 11th inst. enclosing a communication addressed to you by the Comr of your Mint, and also one addressed to me by the same officer, asking for a construction of Section 3504 of the revised Statute in relation to the appointment of persons in the operative department.

In reply I would say that while the law does not require that the operative officer in his letter of

nomination shall do anything more than recommend the individual for employment it has been the practice and is desirable that the operating officer should state in his letter of recommendation the duties to be performed by the individual.

By reference to Section 3499 you will see that the compensation of all workmen employed in the Mint is determined by the Superintendent with the approval of the Director.

Very respectfully,

Noratio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

Oct 16, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

I have examined your report, and the series of medals and proof coins made and sold during the quarter ended Sept. 30, 1882, and find an inaccuracy which I will thank you to explain. You charge yourself on Report "F" with 60 Trade Dollars received from the Coiner since July 1, 1882.

The Coiner's report, does not show that he delivered you any Trade Dollars.

Very respectfully,

Noratio C. Burchard.

Director.

Supt. Mint.

Oct 16, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir,

In the preparation of my next annual report upon the statistics of production of the precious metals in the United States, I deem that the portion relating to the mines and mining interest of California should be prepared under your supervision.

The information to be obtained should embrace the amounts of ores and base bullion shipped as freight on the Central and Southern Pacific Railroad going

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the amount shipped from each point and its destination; the shipment of bullion by Express, statements of the production of smelters giving the amounts from ore and base bullion received from each state and territory and statistics of the production of the mines of each country and as far as practicable of each mining district as well as an account of the condition at the close of the year of the workings of all mines attainable by correspondence, interviews with mine owners or managers or from reliable newspapers. This information to be available for publication in my next report should be received at this Bureau not later than the end of January next.

I have already advanced you \$500. for this purpose and will send you \$500. additional which will be all that can be allotted to you for the collection of the statistics relating to California; the appropriation being nearly \$1000. less than for last year.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Dept. Mint.

Oct. 16, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir;

✓ Requisition has this day been made upon the printer for blank forms 198 and 199-1200 of the former and 2400 of the latter, and as requested in your letter of the 9th inst the same will be mailed you as soon as received which will be in one week from this date as the printing is made special.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Director.

Assayer in Charge.
St. Louis, Mo.

Oct. 16. 1882.

Sir;

I have approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement payable from your Contingent Appropriation for the current fiscal year bill of Adams Express Co. for transportation in July 1882 of one box of stationery from this City to St. Louis amounting to \$1.50.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Auditor.

C. Wheaton Esq.
San Francisco

Oct. 16. 1882.

Sir;

Your letters, one of the 22nd and the other of the 29th ult. were duly received and held until having completed my annual report, I could give the subject further consideration. I could not have the printing of the books done here at the Treasury for you personally, as you seem to request, but they will have to be printed for the San Francisco Mint and properly there should be a request or order from the Superintendent. Again if you desire to copy-right the book and to print an extra copy for this purpose, you will have to print it, at a private establishment. It is not worth while to discuss the question whether you could have a claim against the government for using the form now employed or proposed to be employed at the San Francisco Mint for keeping the accounts. Mr Robinson Assistant in the office of the Solicitor of the Treasury says you can not, but it would not be proper to embarrass the Mint Service or even the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint by the adoption of a form, the right to use which was contingent upon his retaining in office one of the

clerks of the Minit. Under the circumstances I think it proper that I should return the forms without printing the books as requested and the San Francisco and other Minit's can continue to use their present forms which they seem to have found satisfactory from the time of their organization to the present date.

Very respectfully.

Horatio C. Burchard.

Quictor.

Telegram.

Assayer in Charge
Boise City.

Oct-16, 1882.

From an examination of your abstract sheets I find that you are not deducting one ninety ninth $\frac{1}{99}$ of the Standard weight of the silver contained in deposits.

You are imposing the wrong rate of charges for the Minit. Use the schedule contained in regulations of eighteen eighty-one (1881) Letter by mail.

Horatio C. Burchard

Quictor.

Assayer in Charge.
Boise City.

Oct. 17, 1882.

Sir:

I return herewith the Official Bond of N. C. Clark, together with affidavits of surety and letter of the Solicitor of the Treasury explaining why the bond is not approved. Please cause it to be corrected and returned without delay.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quictor.

S. T. Gates, Esq.

Oct. 17. 1882.

90 Auburn Street.

Cambridgeport, Mass.

Sir,

Your letter of the 26th ultimo, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting certain information relative to the value of the silver purchased by the Government for the coinage of the standard silver dollar, has been referred to this office.

In reply I have to state that silver bullion has no fixed value, the market rate or price fluctuating from day to day.

During the fiscal year ended June 30th 1882 silver bullion purchased by the Government for coinage cost at the average rate of \$1.02.15 per Troy ounce of standard fineness. At this rate the silver in the $412\frac{1}{2}$ grain dollar was worth intrinsically 87.78 cents.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

A. M. Lamoer.

Oct. 17. 1882.

Tombstone Arizona.

Sir,

By request of the Director, I enclose herewith a list of the mining districts in Arizona as they appear in the last special report. Please cause this list to be corrected and amended, and obtain for me the names and addresses of reliable correspondents as far as possible in each district, and return the list to this office as soon as practicable.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Oct 17. 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

2000 Letters of advice of shipment of standard silver dollars #106. a. 100 Statements of Charges imposed on Gold and Silver Bullion No 89.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Oct 17. 1882.

Philadelphia

Sir;

Your requisition of the 14th instant for 500 Transcripts has been referred to the Treasurer with the request that they be supplied.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Oct 17. 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 12th instant relative to the requisition for standard silver dollar dies for the Mint at New Orleans, I have to state that the Superintendent of that Mint informs me that he will require eight (8) obverse and eight (8) reverse dollar dies to complete this year's coinage.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Oct. 17. 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 10th instant enclosing a letter from H. C. Francis General Manager Electric Lighting Co. agreeing to increase the capacity of the machine to 100 light burners over the present capacity of 64 burners, now in use at your Mint. for an additional compensation of \$800 as it is stated by you that these lights are needed and the present machine is not entirely satisfactory, but that you are convinced that the new machine when placed in position will give entire satisfaction, not only in points of lighting, but of economy in its operations, you are authorized to contract for the additional lights at an expense not exceeding \$800.

The letter of Mr Francis is returned herewith.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

A. J. Reily, Esq.

Oct. 17. 1882.

Luna Grand Mining Co.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 12th instant, I would state that whenever you desire to offer silver in lots of 10,000 ounces and over, you can do so, either by letter or telegram on Thursday of each week: the offer to be received at this office, before 2 o'clock P.M.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Minit.

Oct 17, 1882,

San Francisco.

Sir,

I have to request that you will procure for the use of this office, a copy of Anderson's map of Idaho, published by Warren Holt, 717 Montgomery Street in your city. Please transmit account in duplicate for the same.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Minit.

Oct 17, 1882,

Philadelphia.

Sir,

I transmit herewith authority of the Secretary to publish in the "Evening News" and "Philadelphia Inquirer" advertisements for "Proposals for Nickel"

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Treasury Auditor

Oct 18, 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir,

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary, Refining and Statistical accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Minit at San Francisco for the month ending September 30th 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in charge.
Charlotte N.C.

Oct. 18, 1882.

Sir;

I have this day requested that your bullion fund be increased \$3,000, by a transfer of this amount and that the same be transmitted you in silver coins of the following denominations, viz

\$3,000 in silver dollars

\$1,000 in half "

\$800 in quarter "

\$100 in dimes and

\$100 in 5¢ pieces.

I would add that the Department is perfectly willing to furnish you with such an amount in fractional silver as may be necessary to meet the requirements of your office for change, but it is not deemed expedient to furnish the amounts called for by you. I have therefore changed the form of your requisition as above.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Prentiss.

Acting Director.

Richard T. Ely, Esq.

Oct. 18, 1882.

Prof. of Political Economy.

Johns Hopkins University

Baltimore.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 16th instant requesting certain information concerning the technical details of coining money in the United States.

I transmit you by current mail a copy of the instructions and regulations governing the Mints and Assay offices, containing also sections of law relative to the coins and coinage of the country.

The margin of error allowed in coins is provided for, as regards tolerance in fineness by Section 3533 of the Revised Statutes (page 36, Instructions and Regulations).

and for tolerance of weight by ~~sections~~ sections 3535^{2nd} and 3536.

The margin of abrasion for gold coins is prescribed by Section 3505. There is no limit of abrasion on silver coins.

The charges for coinage are fixed by Section 3524, and the charges for parting and refining, &c may be found on pages 6th and 7. Sections 3514 and 3515 designate the alloy used in coinage.

The profits on coining token-money vary with the price paid for the metals used in their coinage.

Sections 3553 ~~to~~ 3562, pages 41 and 42, relate to the business of the assay offices, the general instructions applying also to the same. Should you desire further and more explicit information on any point relative to the coinage I shall take pleasure in communicating it to you.

Very respectfully,

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

Oct. 18, 1882.

Helena Mont.

Sir,

I have this day requested that the bullion fund of your office be increased \$100,000 by a transfer of this amount and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

Oct. 18, 1882.

Helena Mont.

Sir

Your requisition ^{for funds} to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of October 1882 has been approved for the sum of \$25.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of

your office during the current fiscal year. viz

Salaries	1883	<u>\$700.</u>	
Wages of Workmen	1883	<u>800.</u>	
Contingent Expenses	1883	<u>1000.</u>	<u>\$25'00</u>

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. V

Charles Kischoff, Jr.

Oct 18, 1882.

27 Park Place

New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 17th instant requesting to be furnished with tables giving the Director's estimate of the production of precious metals during the last fiscal year.

On account of the small appropriation made by Congress for the collection of statistics of the production of the precious metals, it has been found impossible to collect the statistics for both the fiscal and calendar year, and as returns from mining and smelting companies and others are more readily obtained for the calendar year, the Director's special report is made for the calendar, instead of the fiscal year.

His annual report as Director of the Mint has just been sent to the printer. I take pleasure in sending you a synopsis, prepared in this office from the manuscript before it was transmitted.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt Mint

Oct 18, 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day viz 15'00 Daily Statements due depositors.

Very respectfully, R. E. Preston Acting Director.

Robert Patterson Esq.

Oct 18. 1882.

Secretary and Treasurer.

Fidelity Insurance, Trust and Safe Deposit Co.

Philadelphia. Pa.

Sir:

Colonel Snorden, Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, has referred to this office your letter of the 16th instant, relative to the coinage of subsidiary silver during the last fiscal year.

The amount coined was \$11,313.75, and was to supply a demand from numismatists and others for specimens of coinage. In the paper stating the amount at eleven millions it was simply a typographical error. The manuscript of the report of the Director has just gone to the printer. As soon as received I shall take pleasure in transmitting you a copy of the report.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt Mint.

Oct 18. 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 17th instant transmitting a communication from Mr Robert Patterson, relative to the amount of subsidiary silver coin struck during the last fiscal year.

In the report of the Director which has just been sent to the Government Printing Office, the amount of the subsidiary coinage is correctly stated; in the paper seen by Mr Patterson it was a typographical error, and I have so informed him.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.
St. Louis.

Oct. 18. 1882.

Sir;

I have received your statements of "Deposits and Purchases" made out for the quarter ended Sept. 30. 1882.

Under the regulations and instructions these statements should be made out monthly. I return them herewith for correction.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.

Oct. 18. 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

I have to honor to request that the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay office at Charlotte N. C. be increased ~~Two~~ **Three** ~~Thousand~~ **Thousand** (\$3,000.) by a transfer of that amount and that the same be transmitted the Assayer in charge of said office in silver coins of the following denominations.

viz: \$3,000. in silver dollars
\$1,000. in half "
\$800. in quarter "
\$100 " dimes
\$100 " 5¢ nickel pieces

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
San Francisco.

Oct. 18. 1882.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your ordinary refinery and statistical accounts for the month ending Sept. 30. 1882. with my approval.

Very respectfully. R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Asst. Minit.

Oct 18, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day viz.

✓ 1 Book of computation reports on gold and silver deposits.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Hon Charles J. Folger.

Oct 18, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

✓ I have the honor to request that the Bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana be increased One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) by a transfer of this amount and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said Assay Office, with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. |

Trust. Auditor

Oct 19, 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir;

✓ I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans for the month ending September 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

Oct 19, 1882.

Sir,

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day viz:

12 Books of Gold Receipts No 7 F.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
New Orleans.

Oct 19, 1882.

Sir,

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day viz:

200 Statements of Silver Purchases No 64.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
New Orleans.

Oct 19, 1882.

Sir,

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending Sept. 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
San Francisco.

Oct. 19, 1882.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

✓ 1200 Circular letters No 198

✓ 1200 Annual report of mining companies No 199.

1200 Semi-annual report of mining companies No 199.
as requested in your letter of the 9th instant.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Telegram.

Bank of California
San Francisco.

Oct. 19, 1882.

✓ Your offer declined

R. C. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Similar telegram to.

Telegram.

✓ J. W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Telegram

Nevada Bank.
San Francisco.

Oct. 19, 1882.

Your offer accepted

R. C. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Similar telegram to.

Telegram.

✓ Daniel Meyer
San Francisco.

✓ J. B. Haggin.
San Francisco.

✓ Anglo Californian Bank.
San Francisco.

Telegram

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.

Oct. 19, 1882.

Denver Colorado.

✓ Your offer accepted for New Orleans at One hundred thirteen and seven tenths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

Oct. 19, 1882.

New Orleans.

✓ Received from Boston & Colorado Smelting Company forty five thousand ounces at one hundred thirteen and seven tenths cents and from Nandy & Cronise twenty five thousand ounces at One hundred thirteen and sixty eight hundredths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

Oct. 19, 1882.

San Francisco.

✓ Received from J. B. Wagner sixty five thousand ounces at One hundred thirteen and one eighth cents, Daniel Meyer twenty five thousand ounces at One hundred thirteen and one quarter cents, Anglo Californian Bank, fifty thousand ounces at One hundred thirteen and one half cents and from Nevada Bank one hundred and fourteen thousand ounces at One hundred thirteen and six tenths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram

Nandy & Cronise.

Oct. 19, 1882.

24 Nassau Street.

New York.

✓ Your offers for New Orleans and Philadelphia accepted at one thirteen sixty eight.

Confirmed.

R. E. Preston. Acting Director.

Trust Auditor.

Oct. 19, 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir,

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary & Refinery Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson Nev. for the month ending August 31st 1882. rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Auditor.

Supt. Mint.

Oct. 19, 1882.

Carson.

Sir,

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts for the month ending August 31st 1882. with my approval.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Auditor.

Supt. Mint.

Oct. 19, 1882.

Carson.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 12th instant transmitting monthly reports of deposits and coinage for September last. Your dispatch of the 2nd instant stated the coinage of double-eagles at \$1,000 while your statement of the 12th gives the amount as \$61,000.

Please inform me which is the correct amount.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Auditor.

R. W. Mercer, Esq.

Oct. 19, 1882.

147 Central Avenue.

Cincinnati Ohio.

Sir;

Your letter of the 10th instant, addressed to the Superintendent U.S. Treasury Washington D.C. and advising of the shipment of over 12 1/2 ounces of old silver, has been referred to this Bureau.

Silver bullion is not purchased by the Treasury Department, ^{for delivery} in this City. You should send your bullion to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia and advise him as to the mode of payment. The silver referred to in your letter has not yet been received by the Treasury Department.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

C. B. Miller, Esq.

Oct. 19, 1882.

39 West 26th Street

New York.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 17th instant requesting an abstract of the annual report of the Director of the Mint.

The abstract was prepared only in manuscript for the newspapers. The report is in the hands of the Government Printer, and as soon as issued, I shall take pleasure in mailing a copy to your address.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Oct. 19, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

Purchases of silver bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and

for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars to wit of

Wandy and Cronis 100,000 ounces at \$ 1.1868

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Oct. 19. 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 18th instant in relation to manufacturing and issuing bars 925 fine.

Your letter does not state whether gold or silver bars are required; and while the law does not specify that other than fine or standard bars may be prepared, yet the regulations and instructions (page 7) make provision for the manufacture of sterling silver bars.

Silver bullion received for return in sterling bars would be subject to the parting and refining charges if those operations be required, and bar charge of one third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of a cent per ounce gross, which covers also the alloy charge.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Trust Auditor.

Oct 20. 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary and Refining Expense Accounts of the Superintendent of the U.S. Assay Office at New York for the month ending Sept. 30th 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law. Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Territ Auditor.

Oct 20, 1882.

Treasury Department.
Sir;

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver Col for the month ending Sept 30th 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Auditor.

Territ Auditor.

Oct 20, 1882.

Treasury Department.
Sir;

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena Mm. for the month ending August 31st 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law. Note exception in voucher #3 in which occurs an overpayment of 50¢.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Auditor.

Supt Mint.

Oct 20, 1882.

Carson
Sir;

The following coins received during the month of Sept. at your Mint for special assay and transmitted to this office have been received.

1 Double Eagle	\$20.00
1 Eagle	10.00
1 Half Eagle	5.00
2 St. Silver Dollars	2.00
Total Value	37.00

Very respectfully. R. C. Preston.

Acting Auditor.

Supt. Mint.

Oct. 20, 1882.

Carson.

Sir;

I transmit by to days mail a supply 250 copies each of
Metter and Refiners and Coins statements, showing bal-
ance balances, receipts and deliveries.

These statements are to be rendered by the operations
offices of your Mint, and transmitted monthly to this
office in place of the "Monthly checks" heretofore forwarded.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston

Acting Director.

Assayer in charge.

Oct 20, 1882.

U. S. Mint Denver.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers
of the Department for examination and settlement, your
Ordinary Expense account for the month ending Sept 30th
1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in charge.

Oct 20, 1882.

Helena, Mont.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been
mailed you this day viz; 1000 Memoranda of Gold Bullion
deposited, to 42, D.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in charge.Oct 20th 1882.

Helena Mont.

Sir,

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending August 31st 1882 with my approval except voucher #3 which shows an overpayment of \$50.00 to Wm Woodcock which is disallowed.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Assay Office
New York.

Oct 20. 1882.

Sir,

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary and Refining Expense accounts for the month ending Sept. 30. with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Assay Office
New York.

Oct 20. 1882.

Sir,

I transmit herewith a supply of statements No 218, showing the bullion balances, receipts, and deliveries of the Melter and Refiner, which are to be rendered and transmitted monthly to this office.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Oct. 20, 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir;

I transmit by to days mail a supply 250 copies each, of
Melter and Refiner and Coiner statements showing bullion
balances receipts and deliveries.

These statements are to be rendered by the Operative
Officers of your Mint and transmitted monthly to this office
in place of the "Monthly Checks" heretofore forwarded.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Similar letter addressed to.Supt. Mint

San Francisco Cal. ✓

Supt. Mint.

Oct. 20, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I transmit by to days mail a supply 250 copies each, of
Melter and Refiner and Coiner statements showing bullion
balances receipts and deliveries which are to be rendered
by the Operative Officers of your Mint and transmitted
monthly to this office.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint

Oct 20, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

In response to your request of the 19th instant, I enclose
herewith the letter of Robert Patterson, Esq. transmitted by you
a few days since.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston. Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

Oct 20, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I have to request that you will cause the following dies for the calendar year 1883 to be prepared and transmitted to the U. S. Mint at San Francisco. viz:

Standard Silver Dollars	Obverse 20
" " "	Reverse 20
Double Eagles	Obverse 10
" " "	Reverse 10
Eagles	Obverse 10
" " "	Reverse 10
Half Eagles	Obverse 10
" " "	Reverse 10

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Treasury Auditor.

Oct 21, 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir,

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense account of the assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City for the month ending September 30th 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

Oct 21, 1882.

Boise City.

Sir;

Referring to your supplementary Ordinary Expense account for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1882 I desire to call your attention to the fact that you omitted to enclose

voucher for the "railroad expense bill" amounting to \$12.28

I will thank you to forward a voucher for this amount as soon as practicable as the account cannot be referred for settlement until it is received.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

O. P. DeLorach Esq.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Oct 21, 1882.

Sir:

Your bill of the 7th of August for one dozen ^{hollow} bat-balls purchased for the use of the U. S. Laboratory connected with this Bureau, amounting to \$1.50 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

W. W. Goddard Esq.
Washington D. C.

Oct 21, 1882.

Sir:

Your bill of the 18th of October for repairing crucible furnace of the Assay Laboratory connected with this Bureau amounting to \$11.75 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Oct 21, 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir;

I have requested that the bullion fund of your mint be increased by a transfer of five hundred thousand silver dollars, and that the same be placed to your credit with Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Oct 21, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir;

I return herewith Official Bonds of Edward Wheaton and Arthur Geiglingen which the solicitor of the Department declines to approve for reasons given in the case of each. Please note suggestions contained in his letter, and correct in accordance therewith.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

C. A. Schneider's Sons.

Oct 21, 1882.

Washington D. C.

Gentlemen:

Your bill of the 15th of September for grati bars &c purchased for the use of the U. S. Laboratory connected with this Bureau, amounting to \$ 65.50 has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officials of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days, a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger
Secretary of the Treasury.

Oct 21. 1882.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Mint at San Francisco be increased in the sum of One Million dollars, (\$1,000,000) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. at New York.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Oct. 21. 1882.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Mint at New Orleans be increased in the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. at New York.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Oct 21. 1882.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. at Helena Montana to that of the Assay Office at New York, of the sum of Fourteen Thousand, Six Hundred and Seventeen ⁹²/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$14,617.98) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Ninety four ⁹²/₁₀₀ Dollars (\$194.98) in Silver Coin, making a total of Fourteen Thousand, Eight

hundred and Twelve $\frac{73}{100}$ Dollars, ($\$14,812.93$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 3551, dated Oct 16, 1882 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Assay Office.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.

Oct 21, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Two Thousand and Seventy-nine $\frac{78}{100}$ Dollars ($\$5079.78$) in Gold Coin, and Thirty-six $\frac{46}{100}$ ($\$36.46$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Two Thousand, One Hundred and Sixteen $\frac{24}{100}$ Dollars ($\$5116.24$) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 1685, dated Oct 18 1882 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Oct 21, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir;

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of One Million Standard Silver Dollars, and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurers U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.
 Boise City, Idaho.

Oct 21st 1882

Sir,

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending September 30th 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Messrs. Richards & Co.

Oct 21, 1882.

398 Broadway New York City.
 Gentlemen.

Please forward for the Laboratory in connection with this Bureau two Platinum dishes holding 200 C.C. and render bill in duplicate.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

W. J. Myril, Esq.
 Washington D. C.

Oct 21, 1882.

Sir,

Your bill of the 18th instant for Laboratory supplies purchased for the use of U. S. Laboratory connected with this Bureau amounting to \$ 107.00 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram

Supt. Minit.

Oct 23. 1882.

Carson.

✓ Furnish by mail full value of mutilated subsidiary coins purchased to July 1st and in subsequent quarter. If full value cannot be ascertained give standard names and percentage of loss by mutilation.

R. C. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Similar telegram to.

Telegram

Supt. Minit.Supt. Minit.

New Orleans.

San Francisco. ✓

Treas. Auditor

Oct 23. 1882

Treasury Department.

Sir;

✓ I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Minit at Carson City for the month ending September 30, 1882. rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Minit.

Oct 23. 1882.

Carson.

Sir;

✓ I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending Sept. 30th 1882. with my approval.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

Oct 23, 1882.

Carson City.

Sir,

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of August 1882, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Oct 23, 1882.

Carson.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense account with abstracts and vouchers for the month ending Sept. 30, 1882.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Oct 23, 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir,

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of August 1882 and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Oct. 23. 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

I have to request that you will furnish statements showing, if practicable, the fair value of mutilated subsidiary coins purchased at your Mint to July 1st and also the amount during the quarter ended Sept. 30th. If the fair value cannot be ascertained please furnish the weight in standard ounces and the percentage of loss caused by the mutilation.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Oct. 23. 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of August 1882 and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Oct. 23. 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir,

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of August 1882 and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

First Auditor.

Oct 24. 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir;

✓ I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Medal Fund account of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia for the Quarter ending September 30 1882. rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

First Auditor.

Oct 24. 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir;

✓ I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U.S. Assay Office at St Louis Mo. for the month ending Sept. 30. 1882. rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

First Auditor.

Oct 24. 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir;

✓ I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U.S. Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. for the three months ending Sept. 30 1882. rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge
Charlotte, N.C.

Oct 24, 1882.

Sir,

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the three months ending September 30 1882 with my approval

Very respectfully,
R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Messrs Nandy & Cronie.

Oct 24, 1882.

24 Nassau Street.

New York City.

Gentlemen

In reply to your letter of the 23rd instant I have to state that the amount of silver sold by you on Thursday last for New Orleans, cannot be increased from 25,000 to 75,000 ounces, as your offer for delivery at New Orleans was accepted as received. You can however, offer the 75,000 ounces, or such amount as you desire for delivery at either Philadelphia or New Orleans on the next purchasing day.

Very respectfully,
R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.
Helena, Mont.

Oct. 24, 1882.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account with Abstracts and vouchers for the month ending Sept. 30th 1882.

Very respectfully,
R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram.

Sept. Minit.

Oct 24, 1882.

New Orleans.

The silver purchases entered in your bullion accounts for Sept. thirtieth are four hundred ounces less than the amount called for by Abstract sheets, and balance on hand September thirtieth is four hundred ounces less than you should have.

Statement one hundred and ninety three for September reports purchases, Six hundred and eighty four thousand four hundred and fifty eight, Six hundredths ounces.

Abstract sheets call for six hundred eighty four thousand eight hundred and fifty eight, Six hundredths ounces.

Letter by mail.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Sept. Minit.

Oct 24, 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir;

As telegraphed you to day the amount of silver purchased by you from August 21st to Sept. 30th 1882, is entered in your accounts as 861,020.89 standard ounces, while your abstract sheets call for 861,420.89.

The balance on hand Sept. 30th (816,447.18 standard ounces) is 400 ounces less than you should have. The same error occurs in statement No 193, for Sept. which disagrees with your abstract sheets, and with the amount reported on statement No 64. Please give this matter your immediate and personal attention and telegraph results of your examination.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Oct 24, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

I will thank you to hasten the preparation and transmittal of the list of names of employes of your Mint for use in opening the new official register of this Bureau.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Oct 24, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Medal Fund account for the quarter ending September 30 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Attorney in Charge.

Oct 24, 1882.

St. Louis.

Sir,

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending Sept. 30th 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Oct 24. 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir;

Please forward to this office at your earliest convenience, duplicate statement #64 of silver purchased at your Mint from the 14th to the 21st of August 1882 the original having been mislaid or lost.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

Oct 26. 1882.

Helena. Mont.

Sir;

I have this day requested that the bullion fund of your office be increased \$50,000 by a transfer of that amount and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at San Francisco by telegraph.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger.

Oct 25. 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the U.S. Assay office at Helena, Mont. be increased Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) by a transfer of that amount and that the same be placed to the credit of the assayer in charge of said assay office with the Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. at San Francisco by telegraph.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Chief Auditor.

Oct 26. 1882.

Treasury Department.
Sir;

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mon. for the month ending September 30th 1882 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

Oct 25. 1882.

Helena. Mont.

Sir;

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending Sept. 30th 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

The Editor of the Graphic

Oct 25. 1882.

39 Park Place,

New York.

Sir;

Your letter of the 23rd instant addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting to be informed if any changes have been made in the valuation of foreign coins, has been referred to this office.

I enclose you herewith a copy of the last circular estimating the values of foreign coins. A revised estimate will be made and circular issued on the 1st of January next, up to which time there will be no change in the values as given in the enclosed circular.

Very respectfully R. E. Preston Acting Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint.

Oct. 25, 1882.

San Francisco.

Eight thousand dollars to pay copper bills has been placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York.

✓ You can draw against the same immediately.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

Oct 25, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir;

✓ I call your attention to error in statement #64 of silver purchased at your mint from October 3rd to October 7th 1882 viz: Oz 145,587.44 ought to be Oz 155,587.44

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint

Oct 26, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir;

✓ I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant enclosing statements of silver purchased at your mint, from the 9th to the 14th of Oct. 1882.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Telegram.

Bank of California

Oct 26, 1882.

San Francisco.

Your offer declined

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Similar Telegram to

Samuel Meyer. San Francisco.

Anglo Californian Bank, S. Francisco.

Telegram. Boston & Colorado Smelting Co. Oct 26. 1882.

Denver Colorado.

Your offer accepted at one hundred thirteen and thirteen hundredths cents per ounce fine for New Orleans.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram Assayer U. S. Assay Office. Oct 26. 1882.

Helena, Montana.

Fifty thousand dollars will be placed to your credit with Assistant Treasurer San Francisco by wire.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram Wander & Cronin. Oct 26. 1882.

24 Nassau St.

New York.

Your offer accepted for Philadelphia.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram. A. M. Lawver Oct. 26. 1882.

Tombstone Arizona.

Information wanted only for the calendar year 1882.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram Supt. Mint. Oct. 26. 1882.

New Orleans

Receipt from Boston and Colorado Smelting Company fifty five thousand ounces at one hundred thirteen and thirteen hundredths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

Oct 26, 1882.

Philadelphia.

The mutilated Subsidiary coin referred to, are those purchased as fullers under Secretary's instruction of January thirtieth. Please state amount by mi.

R. C. Preston

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Oct 26, 1882.

Your offers accepted.

R. C. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Assayer in charge.

Oct 26, 1882.

Charlotte, N. C.

Sir;

I send you by current mail an advance copy of the report of the Director of the Mint upon the production of precious metals for 1881.

Please request your Assistant Mr Nanna, who so ably prepared a review of mining in the South during 1881, to prepare a similar paper covering the operations of the year 1882, and transmit the same so as to reach this office, not later than January 10th next.

You are authorized to expend for this purpose, a sum not exceeding \$200. which will be paid upon the rendition to this office of an account accompanied by proper vouchers. I also have to request that you will procure, and furnish the Director with a list of names of reliable parties in all mining localities in the South with whom he may correspond in the future.

Please send these names as early as practicable and as fast as they can be procured.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston. Acting Director.

James Crawford.

Oct 26, 1882.

Supt. Mint, Carson.

Sir;

The Director desires that you should cause to be procured for him a list of names and addresses of reliable persons in all the mining Counties of Nevada, and as far as practicable in every mining district with whom he may correspond on matters relative to mines and mining.

In localities with which you are unacquainted, you can doubtless obtain names from your state officers.

A list of the mining districts is given on pages 162 & 163 of the Director's special report, a copy of which is sent you by current mail. Please transmit the names as early as practicable and as fast as they are obtained.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in charge.

Oct 26, 1882.

Helena, Mont.

Sir;

I send you by current mail an advance copy of the report of the Director of the Mint upon the production of precious metals for 1881.

The Director desires that you should prepare a review of mining in Montana during the calendar year 1882, similar to that furnished by you for the last year.

In addition to statistics of production, please procure statements of shipment of ores and base bullion as freight as well as of bullion by express.

Your report to be available for publication should be received by this Bureau not later than January 10th.

You are authorized to expend in payment of necessary expenses a sum not exceeding \$250, which will be reimbursed upon rendition to this office of an account accompanied by proper vouchers. I regret that you

must be limited to so small an amount in collecting information from your Territory, but the appropriation for the whole work is only \$4,000.

Please procure and transmit to this office a list of names of reliable persons with whom the Director may correspond in relation to mines and mining in all the mining counties and as far as possible mining districts of Montana. You may be able to procure names in localities with which you are not familiar from your Territorial officials.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Ottomar Haupt, Esq.

Oct 26, 1882.

13 Rue Auber.

Paris.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 9th instant transmitting a corrected statement of your estimates of the monetary circulation of Italy when specie payments will be resumed, for which please accept my thanks.

I take pleasure in transmitting you by current mail a copy of the report of the Director, upon the production of the precious metals in the United States during 1881, which has just been received from the press.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Oct 26, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

The following Blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day viz:

1000 Certificates of silver Deposits. No 5. A.

Very respectfully R. E. Preston. Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Oct 26, 1882.

Sir;

I have to request that in future when reporting on Wednesday of each week the approximate amount of Silver bullion on hand at the close of business for that day, that you will make a foot note of the number of fine ounces of your local purchases during the month.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Oct 26, 1882.

Sir;

Purchases of silver bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for as may be preferred either in silver dollars, or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars to wit, of

J. W. Seligman & Co 25,000 ounces at \$ 112.90.

" " " " 25,000 " " 112.95

" " " " 25,000 " " 113

Handy & Cronin 125,000 " " 113.12

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Oct 26, 1882.

Sir;

I transmit herewith the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury for you to advertise in the "Sun" and "Day" newspapers published in your city, for proposals for one cent blanks.

Very respectfully R. E. Preston. Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Oct 26. 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir,

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

One book of silver bullion receipts No 8, D.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Oct 26, 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant, enclosing statement of silver purchases at your Mint, from the 16th to the 21st of October 1882.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Oct 26, 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir,

In future when telegraphing on Wednesday, the approximate amount of silver bullion on hand, I will thank you to state the number of fine ounces contained in your local purchases during the month, to date.

You will also hereafter telegraph the amount of the bullion on hand in fine ounces, instead of standard ounces as heretofore.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

George Mansland, Esq.
247. Broadway.
New York.

Oct 26. 1882.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 20th instant, requesting the latest table showing the variations in the aggregate of coin and paper money in the United States for a series of years.

The estimates of the Director of the Mint of the paper and specie circulation of the country were not made prior to 1879. I enclose you herewith a table showing the approximate amounts of paper, gold and silver money for each year since that date.

I take pleasure also in transmitting you by current mail a copy of the report of the Director on the production of the precious metals in the United States for 1881, which has just been received from the press. It contains his latest estimates in detail of the production of the various states and Territories.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Oct 26. 1882.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City Idaho to that of the Mint at San Francisco Cal. of the sum of Ten Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty $\frac{59}{100}$ dollars (\$10,915. $\frac{59}{100}$) in gold coin and One Hundred and Forty-six $\frac{47}{100}$ dollars (\$146. $\frac{47}{100}$) in silver coin, making a total of Eleven Thousand and Sixty-two $\frac{07}{100}$ dollars (\$11,062. $\frac{07}{100}$) being the net-value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City for coinage as shown by memoranda Nos 3339³ and 3340 dated Oct 17th 1882 of gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully R. E. Preston Acting Director.

Albat J. Tountani, Esq.

Oct 27. 1892.

Muelle, Iona Ana Co.

New Mexico.

Sir;

I send you by current mail a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint on the statistics of production of the precious metals in the United States for 1881.

The information heretofore received in relation to the mines and the production of the same in New Mexico has not been so full and satisfactory as the increasing importance of the mining interests of the Territory demands.

The Director who is engaged in preparing material for his report for 1892, desires that I should request you to furnish a list of names and addresses of reliable persons in your County with whom he may correspond, who can furnish ^{him} information in relation to production, condition of mines, character of ores, methods of working &c.

It is desirable that at least one correspondent be obtained in each mining district.

If you feel disposed also to furnish an article or information of any character relative to the mining interests of your section, I will be indebted, and credit for the same will be given in the next report. To be available for publication, it should be received not later than the close of the year.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Similar letter addressed to,Wm C. Hazeldine

Albuquerque, N. M.

Wm Kroemig

Watrous Mora Co. N. M.

Theo. C. Camp

Taos, N. M.

H. H. Lawrence

Silver City Grant Co. N. M.

Narry Whigham

Cimarron Colfax Co. N. M.

Daniel F. Butler

Water Canon N. M.

✓ J. C. Lea.
Rosenell Lincoln Co. N. M.

✓ Romulo Martinez
Santa Fe. N. M.

✓ M. Licher
Locoro, N. M.

✓ Geo. S. Naskill
Chloride N. M.

✓ H. J. Joblin
Las Cruces N. M.

✓ Alex Mc Gregor
Georgetown N. M.

✓ H. B. Sloan
Santa Fe N. M.

B. H. Ellis.
Lincoln Lincoln Co. N. M.

Samuel Ellum
Santa Fe N. M.

✓ A. G. A. Aberlyia
Locoro N. M.

✓ W. S. Hopewell
Engle N. M.

✓ D. N. Jackson
Jaly N. M.

✓ W. C. McDonald
White Oaks N. M.

✓ Lyrus Wells
Carbmatorelle N. M.

Messrs Hand & Cronise.

24 Nassau Street.

New York City.

Oct 27. 1882.

Gentlemen.

I have received your letter of the 26th instant asking an extension of time in which to complete the delivery of 100,000 ounces of silver sold by you on the 19th instant at \$1.1368 per ounce and for the reasons stated by you, you are hereby granted an extension of 5 days in which to complete the delivery.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Philadelphia.

Oct 27. 1882.

Sir:

Messrs Handy & Cronise of New York have made application for an extension of time in which to complete the delivery of their sale of 100,000 ounces of silver on the 19th instant at 1.1368 per ounce. An extension of 5 days is hereby

granted, upon satisfactory reasons being furnished by them.
Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Auditor. }

Supt. Minit.

Oct 27, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

✓ Your letter of the 26th instant enclosing the bid of Joseph Wharton to supply 20,000 lbs of commercially pure nickel at \$1.10 per pound is received, and the acceptance of the bid of Mr Wharton by you is approved.

The letter of Mr Wharton is herewith returned.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Auditor. }

Telegram

Supt. Minit.

Oct 27th 1882.

Philadelphia.

✓ Seligman's offers accepted at one twelve ninety-five and one thirtieth. Letter of advice yesterday incorrect as to the price.

R. E. Preston

Confirmed. Acting Auditor. }

Supt. Minit.

Oct 27, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir,

✓ The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day. 3 Books. Silver Clipping Receipt No 28.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Auditor. }

Samuel O. Irvine

Oct 27. 1882,

Leadville Col. P.O. Box 806.

Sir,

I transmit you by current mail a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint upon the production of the precious metals in the United States for 1881. of which I beg your acceptance.

✓ The Director is now engaged in procuring material for his report for 1882. Prof. Thos. Egleston of the New York School of Mines of Columbia College has referred me to you, as one who could easily furnish information either statistical, descriptive of mines or relating to the working of the same, and I will be glad if you will furnish an article embracing such information as you may deem of value, giving statistics of production of localities with which you are familiar or such description of mines, mills, reduction works, etc as you may feel inclined to offer.

Full credit will be given in the next report for any information you may transmit, which, to be available should be received by this office not later than Jan. 10th next or as much earlier as may be practicable.

I also have to request that you will furnish me at your early convenience with a list of names of reliable persons whom you may know in other localities than your own, and with whom I may correspond.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Similar letter addressed to.

✓ John L. Blandy.

Prescott Arizona.

✓ Prof. John A. Church

Tombstone Arizona.

✓ H. B. Overeux

Globe Gila Co. Ariz.

✓ Prof. E. T. Cox.

Tucson Ariz.

✓ Fred. T. Nunt

Pelton Ariz.

✓ Mr Ashburner

1114 Pine St. San Francisco, Cal.

- ✓ A. J. Borrie Jr P. O. Drawer 2220. San Francisco Cal.
 ✓ John H. Clinch La Hedderston & Co. San Francisco Cal.
 ✓ John J. Crawford Placerville El Dorado Co. " " "
 ✓ C. C. De Gram and Union Club. " " "
 ✓ Watson, A. Gordy " " "
 ✓ Walter, P. Finney Carr Naggin & Lewis " " "
 ✓ W. S. Keys P. O. Box 1716. " " "
 ✓ Henry Jamni Occidental Hotel " " "
 ✓ Louis Jamni 310 Pine Street " " "
 ✓ W. C. Perkins No Bloomfield Nevada Co. "
 + Gas. B. Randol New Almaden Santa Clara Co. "
 ✓ W. S. Schuyler, R. E. P. O. Box 160 Nevada City "
 + Hamilton Smith Jr. 320 Sansome St San Francisco "
 ✓ E. C. Van Blarcome P. O. Box 2085 " " "
 ✓ D. Van Lennep Granite Basin via Buckles Ranch Plumas Co. "
 ✓ N. L. J. Warren Crescent City Del Norte Co. "
 ✓ W. S. Ayres South Pueblo, Colorado.
 ✓ Wm A. Bray Leadville " "
 ✓ N. L. Bridgman Sherman Hinsdale Co. Colorado,
 ✓ Robt Bunsen P. O. Box 1980 Leadville "
 ✓ Theo. B. Comstock Eureka San Juan Co. "
 ✓ Wm. C. Conzelman Care Aug. R. Meyer & Co. Leadville. "
 ✓ R. Neilson Clark Colorado Springs "
 ✓ E. W. Cramer Montezuma Summit Co. "
 ✓ A. Eilers P. O. Box 2510. Denver "
 ✓ Geo. U. Engle Elmore " "
 + S. F. Emmons U. S. Geol. Surv. Denver "
 ✓ Anton Fernekus Care Billing & Eilers Leadville "
 ✓ Emut Le Neve Foster Georgetown " "
 ✓ Henry Fulton Ward Boulder Co. "
 ✓ Edward R. Howe Colorado Springs "
 ✓ Samuel James Jr Kokomo " "
 ✓ Russ James South Pueblo " "
 ✓ Chas. A. Martini Georgetown " "
 ✓ Olivar Mathews Silverton, San Juan Co " "
 ✓ J. S. Mathis Ouray "

- ✓ Philip H. Moore Leadville Colorado.
 ✓ Jules Naville San Miguel Ouray Co "
 ✓ Ralph Nichols P. O. Box 180 Leadville "
 ✓ Wm Byrd Page " "
 ✓ Richd Pearce Argo "
 ✓ Chas. M. Rolker P. O. Box 1648 Leadville "
 ✓ Otto Riepler " " " 25 Conejos "
 ✓ J. C. Schwarz Georgetown "
 ✓ Edw. G. Stricker P. O. Box 974 Leadville "
 ✓ Prof. Wm Strieby Colorado College Colorado Springs "
 ✓ Linwood O. Towne P. O. Box 806 Leadville "
 ✓ Henry A. Verin " " " 144 " "
 ✓ N. L. Wells South Pueblo "
 ✓ N. R. Wilem La Plata Mm & Smelt Co Leadville "
 ✓ Richd W. Woodward Ouray "
 ✓ O. N. Nahn Galena Dakota.
 ✓ L. L. Rogers Bellevue Alturas Co. Idaho.
 ✓ L. C. Bachman Vulcan Steel Wks So St Louis Mo.
 ✓ Nugh. A. Cranford 411 N 3rd St St. Louis.
 ✓ John M. Culloge Bonne Terre St Francis Co. Mo
 ✓ Prof G. J. Emerson Rolla Phelps Co Nev.
 ✓ Austin Paull Missouri Ironace Co. South St Louis, Mo.
 ✓ Paul A. Fultz 941 N. Second St St. Louis "
 ✓ James Gayley Missouri Ironace Co South St Louis "
 ✓ Maj. J. R. McGinnis Jefferson Barracks St Louis Co. "
 ✓ Prof Chas. C. Wait Rolla Phelps Co. "
 ✓ Chas. A. Young 100 Trost Ave Kansas City "
 ✓ Prof. S. M. Pilman Melrose Montana.
 ✓ Mr Lhos. B. Stearns Miches Jefferson Co. "
 ✓ L. C. Tunt Belmont "
 ✓ Alfred Wartinwiler Butte City "
 ✓ A. G. Charleston Battle Mountain Nev.
 ✓ C. C. Morgan Austin "
 ✓ John C. Plater Eureka "
 ✓ Lhos. Couch Fresno Beaver Co. Utah
 ✓ C. B. Cohen P. O. Box I Salt Lake City "

✓ Joshua E. Clayton P. O. Box 5199. Salt Lake City. Utah
 ✓ Edinburgh Daggett " " " "
 ✓ Frank P. Jarvis Provo City " "
 ✓ Howard V. Furman Salt Lake City " "
 ✓ Leslie C. Hill Box I " " " "
 ✓ Albert F. Schneider P. O. Box 748 " " " "
 ✓ L. B. J. Rhodes Sandy " " Co. " "
 ✓ Victor R. Gibson Shakespere Grant Co. New Mexico.
 ✓ W. A. Smalley Georgetown " " " "

Robert Boyd Esq.

October 30. 1882

416 Ninth St. N. W.

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Your bill of the 28th instant for one barrel of Fire Clay purchased for the use of U. S. Laboratory connected with this Bureau, amounting to \$4.00 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officials of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

October 30. 1882.

Philadelphia

Great defaced standard silver dollars and Mexican dollars as a part of the whole amount of uncurrent coins received from Assistant Treasurers at Baltimore, and New Orleans. If any profit remains after this, credit the amount to Silver Profit Fund.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

October 30. 1882.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of lists of names of employees of the various departments of your mint. The order will be closely observed in transcribing them to the new Official Register.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quicks.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

October 31. 1882

Sir;

Your letter of the 30th instant enclosing statements of silver purchased from the 2nd to the 7th and from the 9th to the 14th of October is received.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quicks.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint.
Carson.

Oct 31. 1882.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred twelve and one half cents per ounce fine.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Quicks.

Similar telegram addressed to.

Supt. Mint.
New Orleans

Supt. Mint.

San Francisco.

C. C. Clawson, Esq.
 Buena Vista Co.
 Idaho.

Oct. 31, 82-

Sir,

I transmit you by current mail a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint upon the production of the precious metals in the United States for 1881, on page 198 of which, you will find published, the very interesting review furnished by you of mines in your locality.

The Director is now engaged in procuring material for the report for 1882, and desires me to say that he will be glad if you will furnish for that report a resume of the work of the year in your district, or of mines with which you are familiar.

Any information which you may send, in order to be available for publication, should be received not later than January 1st and should embrace not only statistics of production, shipments of ore, and amount of development of mines, but also new discoveries that have been made during the year.

Please transmit also at your early convenience the names and addresses of reliable persons with whom the Director may correspond, who may be able to give information in regard to mines in your vicinity which you cannot describe.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
 New Orleans.

Oct 31, 1882.

Sir,

I have to request that you will inform me what number and classes of dies you desire to have prepared at the Mint at Philadelphia for the use of your Mint during the calendar year 1883.

Very respectfully R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

W. Miller Esq.

Oct 31. 1882.

Atlanta

Altamas Co. Idaho.

Sir;

I send you by current mail a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint, on the production of the precious metals in the United States for 1881, on page 174 of which you will find published, information contributed by you.

The Director is now engaged in procuring material for his report for 1882, and desires me to say that he will be pleased to receive a communication from you giving a resume of the mining work that has been done in the vicinity of Atlanta during the year, with such other information in relation to mining affairs in your country as you may be able to furnish.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

C. B. Ruston Esq.

Oct 31. 1882.

Clayton Center Co.

Idaho.

Sir;

I send you by current mail a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint, upon the production of precious metals in the United States during 1881, of which I beg your acceptance.

The Director is engaged in procuring material for his report for 1882, and your name has been furnished to him as one who can easily contribute accurate and reliable information regarding the section of country in which you are located. I will therefore be glad if you will prepare and mail to this office an article descriptive of the work of the year in your district, or of mines with which you may be familiar giving statistics of production, shipments of ore or bullion, amount

and character of development of mines, new mines discovered during the year, and such other information as will be of interest and value for publication in the next report.

It is available ~~it should be~~ received by the first of January.

Please furnish also at your early convenience the names and addresses of reliable persons in your district, with whom the Director may correspond in relation to mines other than those which you may describe.

Trusting that I may hear favorably from you I am,

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Similar letter addressed to.

<u>Col Rogers</u>	Custer City.	Custer County	Idaho.
<u>H. A. Norton</u>	Bonanza	"	"
<u>C. G. Dodge</u>	"	"	"
<u>Capt. J. B. Varney</u>	"	"	"
<u>M. Spahn</u>	"	"	"
<u>J. H. Hamilton</u>	Challis	"	"
<u>J. R. Toole</u>	"	"	"
<u>C. D. Porter</u>	"	"	"
<u>Owen Long</u>	"	"	"
<u>Wm. Stebbins</u>	"	"	"
<u>A. J. Crook</u>	Bozeman	"	"
<u>George L. Shoup</u>	Salmon City	Lemhi County	"
<u>James Glendinning</u>	"	"	"
<u>Charles Barclay</u>	Grötnersville	"	"
<u>J. Mc Nutt</u>	Lewistown	"	"
<u>J. J. Lewis</u>	Ketchum	Alturas County	"
<u>C. C. Clauson</u>	Vienna	"	"
<u>C. J. Johnson</u>	"	"	"
<u>Col. W. H. Broadhead</u>	Sawtooth City	"	"
<u>D. Courtwright</u>	"	"	"
<u>H. C. Wallace</u>	Naihy	"	"
<u>A. C. Miller</u>	Bellvue	"	"
<u>Frank G. Coe</u>	"	"	"

✓ H. Miller Atlanta Alluras County, Idaho.
 ✓ Chas L. Miller Retchum " " "
 ✓ Anthony A. Meng Tucson Arizona.
 ✓ E. B. True Hailay Alluras County Idaho.
 ✓ V. L. Anderson " " " "
 ✓ W. L. Anderson " " " "
 ✓ J. J. Scott " " " "

Telegram Supt. Mint, November 1, 1882.
 New Orleans.
 Telegraph October coinage.
 R. E. Preston.
 Acting Director.

N. T. Buau Esq. November 1, 1882.
 Foreman of Printing
 Govt. Printing Office.

Sir;

The Director of the Mint has returned galley 47 of his report, upon which he desires a change made as indicated. Referring to corrections requested to be made a few days since, I have to state, that as they will probably change the paging of the report I will require a complete copy in order to cause an index for the same to be prepared.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Messrs Charles Holt & Son. November 1, 1882.
 150 Exchange Place, New York.
 Gentlemen

Your bill of the 24th ultimo for cupels purchased for the use of U.S. Laboratory connected with this Bureau amounting to \$20. - has been approved, and

referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Messrs. Richards & Co.

November 1, 1882.

398 Bowery

New York City.

Gentlemen

Your bill of the Thirtieth ultimo for crucibles and Platinum dishes, purchased for the use of the U. S. Laboratory connected with this Bureau, amounting to \$7.44 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement. In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Minit.

November 1, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir,

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of November 1882 has been approved for the sum of \$28,500. payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Minit during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1883	<u>\$35,000</u>
Wages of workmen	"	<u>20,000.</u>
Contingent Expenses	"	<u>5,000.</u>
Refinery	"	<u>15,000</u>

Very respectfully R. C. Preston. Acting Director. ✓

Hon Chas. J. Folger.

November 1, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. to that of the mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty-two $\frac{23}{100}$ Dollars (\$1282.23) in Gold Coin, and Eleven $\frac{97}{100}$ Dollars \$11.97 in Silver coin making a total of One Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety-four $\frac{20}{100}$ Dollars (\$1294.20) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 1623 dated Oct 28th 1882. of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint

November 2, 1882.

Carroll.

Sir;

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day viz:

1000 Movements. Standard Silver Dollars. Form 146.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

The Graphic Co.

November 2nd 1882.

New York City.

Gentlemen

I will thank you to furnish this office with one copy of the map of Arizona, recently published by you showing the various mining districts of the Territory for which please transmit your account in duplicate.

Very respectfully R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Warren Holt Esq.
413 Montgomery St.
San Francisco.

November 2nd 1882.

Sir;

Your bill of the 25th ultimo for one map of Idaho purchased for the use of this office amounting to \$5.00 has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.
Helena.

November 2nd 1882.

Sir;

I have this day requested that the bullion fund of office be increased \$1000 and that the same be transmitted you in half dollars.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York City

November 2, 1882.

Sir;

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of November 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$3,990, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office during the current fiscal year viz;

Salaries	1883	<u>\$3,190</u>
Wages of workmen	"	<u>1,900</u>
Contingent Expenses	"	<u>900</u>
Parting & Refining bullion	"	<u>7000</u>

Very respectfully R. E. Preston Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

November 2, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir,

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of November 1882 has been approved for the sum of \$35.500, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year viz:

Salaries.	1883	<u>\$4.500</u>	
Wages of workmen.	"	<u>25.000</u>	
Contingent Expenses.	"	<u>6.000</u>	<u>\$35.000</u>

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger

November 2, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that the Bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena Mont. be increased One Thousand Dollars (\$1000) by a transfer of that amount and that the same be transmitted the Assayer in charge of said Assay Office, in half dollars.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

November 2, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir,

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day viz:

3 Books Silver Purchases M. & R's Department.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Henry O. Hobbs Esq.
467 Hicks Street
Brooklyn N.Y.

November 2, 1882.

Sir,

Your letter of the 30th ultimo addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting to be informed of the amount of silver contained in the silver dollar both old and new has been referred to this Bureau.

The standard silver dollar weighs $412\frac{1}{2}$ grains; its fineness is 900 thousandths. It therefore contains $371\frac{1}{4}$ grains of pure silver and $41\frac{1}{4}$ grains of copper.

The weight and fineness of those coined since 1878 are the same as of those struck prior to 1873.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram

Boston and Colorado Smelting Co.
Denver Colorado.

November 2, 1882.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred twelve and ninety thousandths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram

Anglo-Californian Bank
San Francisco Cal.

November 2, 1882.

Your offer declined.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Similar telegram addressed to,

Telegram

J. W. Seligman & Co.
New York City.

Telegram

Handy & Cronie.

November 2, 1882.

24 Nassau Street.

New York.

✓ Seventy-five thousand ounces of your offer accepted for New Orleans and balance for Philadelphia.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director. ✓

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

November 2, 1882.

New Orleans.

✓ Receive from Handy & Cronie seventy-five thousand ounces at one hundred twelve and eighty-eight hundredths cents per ounce fine, and from Boston and Colorado Smelting Co. fifty-five thousand ounces at one hundred twelve and ninety hundredths cts per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director. ✓

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

November 2, 1882.

San Francisco.

✓ Receive from Daniel Meyer fifteen thousand ounces at one hundred twelve and one quarter cts per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director. ✓

Telegram

Daniel Meyer.

November 2, 1882.

San Francisco.

✓ Your offer accepted

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Minit.
Philadelphia.

November 2, 1882.

Sir;

Purchases of silver bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Minit. of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit, of:

Wendy & Cronin, 175,000 ounces, at \$ 1.1289

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Minit.
Philadelphia.

November 2, 1882.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 1st instant enclosing the bid of the Benedict and Burnham Manufacturing Co. of Waterbury, Conn. for supplying 200,000 lbs. of one cent blanks at 39¢ per pound and which you are authorized to accept. I return herewith the proposal of the Benedict and Burnham Manufacturing Co.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

C. O. Shields Esq.
Alma, Colorado.

November 2, 1882.

Sir;

In response to your request of the 20th ultimo, I send you by current mail a copy of the report of the Director on the production of the precious metals for 1881. The Director is engaged in procuring material

for the next report, and I will be glad if you can contribute information relative to the mines in your vicinity, or at least to those with which you may be familiar giving the amount and character of development, production during the year, and such other information of interest and value, as you may be inclined to furnish, which, to be available for publication, should be received by the close of the year. Please send me also at your early convenience a list of names and addresses of reliable persons in other districts of your county, with whom the Director may correspond in relation to the mines and mining interests.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

November 3 1882.

Carson.

Sir:

The number of Standard silver dollars to be coined by your Mint during the month of November is hereby fixed at 100,000 pieces.

If for any reason you can not coin this number of pieces you will notify this office in ample time that other arrangements may be made to secure the coinage of the amount required by law to be coined this month.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

November 3. 1882.

Charlotte

Sir:

I return herewith statement of gold button forwarded to Philadelphia Mint, enclosed in your letter of the 31st ult. for the signature of the assayer.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston Acting Director.

Gen. W. Knox, Esq.
#603 Penn Ave.

November 3, 1882.

Cchj

Sir;

Your bill of the 3rd instant for freight and drayage on supplies, purchased for the use of the U.S. Laboratory connected with this Bureau, amounting to \$2.10 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Nov 3, 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir;

The number of standard silver dollars to be coined by your Mint during the month of November is hereby fixed at 600,000 pieces.

If for any reason you can not coin this number of pieces, you will notify this office in ample time that other arrangements may be made to secure the coinage of the amount required by law to be coined this month.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

November 3, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

Your letter of the 2nd instant, enclosing statement of minor coinage operations during the month of Oct. has been received.

Very respectfully R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

November 3. 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

✓ Your letter of the 1st instant enclosing statement of your account with the Adams Express Company for overcharges paid for transportation of silver coin from your Mint to various points in excess of contract rates from October 1st 1876 to October 1st 1878, has been received.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

November 3. 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

✓ The number of standard silver dollars to be coined by your Mint during the month of November is hereby fixed at 1,000,000 pieces.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

November 3. 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

✓ Referring to your letter of the 25th ultimo enclosing a letter from Mr. James H. Boyd of your city, offering to supply your Mint with 182 white Porcelain Pots at \$29 each, and in which you state it would be a wise and economical expenditure to secure these goods, and to store them away for future use, and recommending the purchase of one hundred of them for your Mint and suggesting the purchase of the balance for the other mints, I have to state, that as in your judgement, it would be a judicious expenditure, to purchase one hundred of these pots for the use of your Mint, you are authorized to do so.

As these pots are used only in parting and refining operations, in case purchase is made, they can only be paid for from that appropriation, as the law expressly provides that the charges collected from depositors for parting and refining operations, shall be applied as far as necessary to defraying in full the expenses thereof, including labor, materials and wastage, but no part of the money otherwise appropriated for the support of the Mints and Assay office at New York, shall be used to defray the expenses of refining and parting bullion. An advance will be made you upon your requisition, from the appropriation for parting and refining bullion.

As similar pots of the same manufacture have been offered at prices varying from \$25. to \$50. I am of the opinion they should be purchased in the same way as other supplies by inviting bids. The following parties who have offered them, are informed by this office, that if at any time these pots were required, they would be advised.

Meers Savage & Storrell

Second National Bank.

Meers B. K. Jamison & Co.

& J. M. Hummel.

I think it would be proper for you to notify these parties by letter, and invite bids taking proper precaution to see that only perfect pots are delivered by the party whose offer may be accepted.

In reference to your suggestion to purchase pots for the use of the other mints, I would say, that in the absence of any requisition, or any information that they require them, this office has no authority to purchase the pots.

The letter of Mr Boyd, enclosed by you is herewith returned as requested.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston, Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

November 3. 1882.

Philadelphia

Sir;

I have your letter of yesterday, informing me that the box of annual assay coins from the Mint at New Orleans was received at your Mint with the seals broken.

I have to request that, in conjunction with the Assayer, you will open the box and verify the contents with the statement contained.

It will be better not to open the sealed packages of coins, as that is one of the duties of the Assay Commission; but you can, without doing so, ascertain that no coins have been abstracted.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

V

J. R. Sorin, Esq.

November 3. 1882.

Tombstone.

Arizona.

Sir;

I send you by current mail a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint upon the production of the precious metals in the United States for 1881.

The Director, who is engaged in preparing material for the report for 1882, desires that I should request you to contribute information for that report respecting the mines in your vicinity, or at least of those with which you may be familiar, giving the amount and character of development, production during the year, and such other information of interest and value as you may be inclined to furnish, which, to be available for publication should be received by the close of the year.

Please also transmit at your early convenience a list of names and addresses of reliable persons in other districts of your county with whom the Director may

correspond. in relation to mines and mining interests.

Very respectfully.

R. S. Fulton.

Acting Director.

Similar letter addressed to.

✓ <u>George N. Adams</u>	Asst. Comr Arizona	Prescott Arizona.
✓ <u>Jms. P. Boscob</u>	" " Montana	Bulle. Montana
✓ <u>E. L. Barthoud</u>	" " Jeff Co. Col.	Golden Colorado.
✓ <u>P. A. Brown</u>	" " Arizona	Pinal Arizona.
✓ <u>J. E. Daily</u>	" " Wyoming.	Chayenne Wy Territory
✓ <u>A. D. Cooper</u>	" " Fremont Co.	Cann City Col.
✓ <u>G. N. Cornell</u>	" " Gunnison.	Pitkin "
✓ <u>J. S. Clayton</u>	Comr Utah Ter.	Salt Lake City U.S.
✓ <u>J. C. Dougherty</u>	Asst " Saguache Co	Ledgwick Colo.
✓ <u>A. N. Elliot</u>	" " Arizona	Casa Grande A.T.
✓ <u>E. R. Emerson</u>	Comr, Chaffee Co	Buena Vista Colo
✓ <u>J. P. Flynn</u>	" Pitkin "	Ashcroft "
✓ <u>E. J. George</u>	" Nevada Ter	Lewis Nevada Ter
✓ <u>Jose Gilmore</u>	Asst. " Clear Creek Co.	Idaho Spgs Colo.
✓ <u>G. H. Hand</u>	" " Gilpin "	Golden "
✓ <u>H. P. Hartottle</u>	Comr Minnisdale "	Lake City "
✓ <u>R. A. Kirker</u>	" Park "	Fairplay "
✓ <u>Gustav Levi</u>	" Gunnison "	Gunnison City "
✓ <u>J. E. Land</u>	Asst. " Chaffee "	Nanscock "
✓ <u>H. J. Mullen</u>	Com Park "	Alma "
✓ <u>Fred Maxwell</u>	" Pitkin "	Ashcroft "
✓ <u>Thos Manning</u>	" Gilpin "	Central City "
✓ <u>Prof. M. Moss</u>	" " "	Golden "
✓ <u>J. C. Meyer</u>	" Ouray "	Ouray "
✓ <u>W. H. Malton</u>	" " "	Aphur "
✓ <u>E. Y. Naylor</u>	" Clear Creek "	Georgetown "
✓ <u>L. D. Phillips</u>	" Saguache "	Bonanza "
✓ <u>H. C. Roberts</u>	" Las Animas "	Trinidad "
✓ <u>H. H. R. Reed</u>	" Lake "	Leadville "
✓ <u>Wm Robinson</u>	Asst. " Arizona Ter	Lucas Arizona Ter.
✓ <u>W. A. Rand</u>	" " Summit Co.	Breckenridge Colo.

✓ <u>J. Shephard</u>	Asst. Comr La Plata Co	Quang's Colo.
✓ <u>P. Stockman</u>	Comr Custer "	Silver Cliff "
✓ <u>I. Stone</u>	Asst. " Tremont "	Cannon City "
✓ <u>T. P. Squire</u>	Comr Idaho Ter.	Boise " I. T.
✓ <u>N. J. Thompson</u>	" Boulder "	Boulder Colo.
✓ <u>Colin Timmons</u>	Asst. Comr Pitkin "	Arapahoe "
✓ <u>J. M. P. Tishie</u>	Comr San Juan "	Silverton "
✓ <u>N. L. Mullen</u>	" Jefferson "	Mission "
✓ <u>C. D. Wright</u>	Asst. Comr. La Plata "	Quang's "
✓ <u>B. Williams</u>	" " Arizona	Bisbee, A. T.
✓ <u>A. Lechendaleer</u>	Spec. " Utah Ter	Salt Lake City U. T.
✓ <u>N. A. Brownell</u>	Silver Cliff	Colorado.
✓ <u>Amward F. Smith</u>	Crested	Butte Colo.
✓ <u>Oliver Mathews</u>	Silverton	"
✓ <u>Amos Lane</u>	Pico	"
✓ <u>Noland J. W.</u>	Asst. Comr Boulder Co.	Jamestown "

A. B. Willey Esq.

November 3, 1882

Washington

Idaho Co. Idaho.

Sir;

I transmit you by current mail a copy of the report of the Director of the mint upon the production of the precious metals in the United States for 1881. in which you will find a description of the mines of Northern Idaho furnished by you to Mr Wolters of the Assay Office at Boise.

The Director who is engaged in collecting material for his report for 1882, desires me to request that you will furnish him with a description of the mining work in your section during the past year, stating amount and character of development, production, new mines discovered, and such other information as will be interesting and valuable.

To be available for publication, this should be

received about January 1st.

Please furnish also at your early convenience a list of names and addresses of reliable persons with whom the Director may correspond in relation to the mines in other parts of your country, with which you may not be personally familiar.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Assayer in Charge
Charlotte.

November 4, 1882,

Sir,

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of November 1882. has been approved for the sum of \$390.76 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office during the current fiscal year viz;

Salaries.	1883	<u>\$224.10</u>	
Wages of workmen	"	}	<u>166. 66</u>
Contingent Expenses	"		
			<u>\$390.76</u>

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.
Helena, Montana.

November 4 1882.

Sir,

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of November, 1882 has been approved for the sum of \$2500.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office during the current fiscal year viz;

Salaries	1883	<u>\$700.</u>	
Wages of workmen	"	<u>800.</u>	
Contingent Expenses	"	<u>1000.</u>	<u>\$2500.00</u>

Very respectfully R. E. Preston Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia

November 4, 1882.

Sir,

Your letter of the 3rd instant enclosing statements of silver purchases from October 16th to October 21st and from October 23rd to October 28th 1882 is received.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

November 4th 1882

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 2nd inst. requesting to be supplied with certain blank books, I have to ask that you will send sample sheet of the silver weigh books required with description as to style of binding, number of pages &c.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

W. Sweetland, Esq.
Bear Lake

November 4th 1882.

Warren Co. Penn.

Sir,

Your letter of the 1st instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting to be informed of the highest price that gold reached in the time of the war, has been referred to this Bureau.

The highest quotation of the Gold Department of the New York Stock Exchange was 285 on the 11th of July 1864.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint.

November 4, 1882.

San Francisco.

✓ Daniel Meyer's offer as received at this office reads One
twelve twenty five, and was accepted at that rate.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge

November 6, 1882.

Charlotte.

Sir;

✓ I have this day requested that the Bullion fund of your
office be increased \$5,000 by a transfer of that amount and
that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant
Treasurer, U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge

November 6, 1882.

U. S. Mint Denver

Sir;

✓ Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your
institution during the month of November 1882 has been ap-
proved for the sum of \$25.00, payable from the following
appropriations made for the support of your Mint during
the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries.	1883	<u>\$1,000</u>	
Wages of workmen	"	<u>1,000</u>	
Contingent Expenses	"	<u>5.00</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Messrs Emier & Amend

November 6, 1882.

205-211 Third Avenue.

New York City.

✓ Gentlemen

I will thank you to forward to this office your account
 receipted in duplicate for Glass Syphons forwarded by you
 to the U.S. Mint at Carson. Ar.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

November 6, 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir;

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your in-
 stitution during the month of November 1882 has been ap-
 proved for the sum of \$11,300.00 payable from the following
 appropriations made for the support of your Mint during
 the current fiscal year viz;

Salaries	1883	<u>\$ 2200</u>	
Wages of workmen	"	<u>6300</u>	
Contingent Expenses	"	<u>2800</u>	<u>\$ 11,300</u>

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

November 6, 1882.

New Orleans

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the
 2nd instant, enclosing statement of silver purchases for
 the month of October 1882.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston

Acting Director. ✓

Capt. Mint.
Philadelphia.

November 6, 1882.

Sir;

I have this day requested that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of \$1,000,000 Standard silver dollars, and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. at New York.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Charles M. Rolker, Esq.

November 6, 1882.

63 Broadway.

New York.

Sir;

In response to your request of the 3rd instant I send you by current mail a copy of the Director's last special report. I addressed a communication to you on the 27th of October last of which the enclosed is a copy, and also mailed a copy of the report, addressed to you at Leadville, Colorado.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

November 6, 1882.

St. Louis.

Sir;

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of November 1882. has been approved for the sum of \$385.40 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,

1883

\$

285.40

Wages of workmen

"

}

Contingent Expenses

"

}

100.00

\$385.40

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston

Acting Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

November 6, 1882.

Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge your reference to this Bureau for information as to coins, of a letter from the Hon. Secretary of State, dated October 24th covering a communication from the British minister asking for certain information concerning coins, weights and measures.

In reply, I enclose a list of United States coins, with their respective weights and alloy. The weights are expressed in troy grains, the same as used in Great Britain.

I return herewith the letter of the Secretary of State with the enclosure.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Chas. J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

November 6, 1882.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. be increased Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) by a transfer of that amount, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said Assay Office with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram Supt Mint.

November 7, 1882.

New Orleans.

Palms appointment approved yesterday, but suspended temporarily for letter of explanation.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

November 7, 1882.

San Francisco.

✓ Consider acceptance of Myers offer cancelled, as it evidently was a telegraphic error. Inform him of this decision.

R. C. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director ✓

Assayer in Charge.

November 7 1882.

Vclena. Mont.

Sir:

✓ I have to acknowledge the receipt of statement of earnings and expenditures of your office for the quarter ended September 30th 1882.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

November 7, 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir:

Your letter of the 4th instant enclosing the following statements has been received. viz.

Coinage estimated

Coiners Balances and

Melters and Refiners Balances.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

November 7, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

✓ I have to acknowledge the receipt of statement of earnings and expenditures of your Mint for the quarter ended September 30th 1882.

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in charge.
St Louis, Mo.

November 7, 1882.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your ordinary Expense Account with abstracts and vouchers for the month ending Oct 31st 1882.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury.

November 7, 1882.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia. For of the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty-Two and $\frac{68}{100}$ Dollars (\$752.68) in Gold Coin, and Six and $\frac{22}{100}$ Dollars (\$6.22) in silver coin, making a total of Seven Hundred Fifty Seven and $\frac{90}{100}$ Dollars (\$757.90) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. for Coinage as shown by Memorandum No 1678 dated November 3, 1882 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Capt. Mint.
New Orleans.

November 7, 1882.

Sir; The following coins received during the month of October at your Mint for special assay and transmitted to this Office, have been received viz:

5 Standard silver dollars \$5.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

Carson

November 7, 1882.

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 30th ult., you are informed that the weight of the Standard Silver Dollar selected from delivery # 17 of the August Comage at your Mint for special assay and reported by the Assayer of this Bureau as weighing 416.60 was a clerical error, as his record shows it to have weighed 412.60 grains.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Beaton.

Acting Director. ✓

C. W. Brown.

6 North Fifth St.

Philadelphia.

November 7, 1882.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of August 14, 1882, in relation to the rejection of your bid to supply the Mint at Philadelphia with Dixon crucibles for the year ending June 30th 1883, I have to state that your letter was referred to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia for report and I enclose herewith copies of his reply, together with copies of letters from the Meltor and Refiner.

In view of the facts as set forth in the letter of the Meltor and Refiner and of the Superintendent of the Mint, it would appear that after trial of the Dixon and Taylor Crucibles, the latter were found to be preferable on account of the larger number of melts that can be made in them.

In a matter of this character, this office must necessarily be governed to a great extent by the experience of the officers of the Mint and especially of the Meltor and Refiner in whose department the crucibles are used.

I therefore see no ground for revoking the former action of this office in approving the rejection by the

Superintendent with the concurrence of the operative officers
of the Mint of your bid for supplying crucibles.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Hon Charles J. Folger.

November 6th 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Referring to estimates of appropriations required for the support of this office for the fiscal year 1884, I have the honor to recommend that the salary of the Auditor of Accounts be increased from \$2000 to 2200.

The Bulletin accounts of the Mint and Assay Offices are intricate, and very elaborate, requiring for their proper adjustment a thorough knowledge of the business of the Mint and of the system of accounts, and a great many calculations. Besides the examination of the vouchers, the work and responsibility of this desk have been largely increased within the last two years by a more complete examination of the accounts and a more thorough system of checks.

The duties of the position have been very satisfactorily performed by the gentleman who has had charge of the ^{and supervision of} accounts since the organization of this Bureau, and I earnestly request that his salary be increased two hundred dollars, to place it on an equality with that of others in this office, as the duties performed by him are equally as important.

In this recommendation the Director of the Mint fully concurs.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Minit.

Carson.

November 8th 1892.

Sir;

I enclose herewith duplicate bill and B/S for the transportation of Balance and weights for the use of your Minit in September last from Philadelphia to Chicago, amounting to \$7.49 which has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Minit for the fiscal year 1893.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Minit.

Philadelphia.

November 8 1892.

Sir;

Requisition has this day been made upon the printer for blank Weigh Clarks Forks of ~~silver~~ bullion deposited and Register of fine silver bars, and as requested in your letter of the 2nd inst, the same will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Minit.

Philadelphia.

November 8. 1892.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts with Abstracts and vouchers for the month ending September 30th 1892.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

November 8. 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir;

✓ I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts with Abstracts and vouchers for the quarter ending September 30th 1882.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

November 8. 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir

The following coins received during the month of October at your Mint for special assay and transmitted to this office have been received viz;

✓ 4 Double Eagles	\$ 80.00
4 St Silver Dollars	4.00
Total value.	<u>84.00</u>

Very respectfully

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. Mint.

November 8. 1882.

Philadelphia

Sir;

The following coins received during the month of October at your Mint for special assay and transmitted to this Office have been received viz;

✓ 2 Eagles	\$ 20.00
3 St. Silver Dollars	3.00
5 Cimes	50
Total value.	<u>23.50</u>

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director. ✓

Assayer in Charge.
Poore City.

November 9, 1892.

Sir;

I return herewith voucher of E. Reinhart and Co enclosed in your communication of the 31st ultimo together with your supplemental ordinary account for the fiscal year 1892, which requires correction.

There is no voucher for the expenditure of \$12.28 for railroad expenses and there is nothing to show that the \$11.27 covered by the voucher of E. Reinhart & Co was expended by you for such purpose.

If the payment to this firm was on this account your certificate should appear on the voucher to that effect.

There still remains a balance of \$1.01 expended by you for which there is no voucher.

Please furnish the necessary vouchers and return this account at as early a date as practicable that your account for the last fiscal year may be closed.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Nerbert W. Gros. Esq.
#325 South Third Street.
Brooklyn N. Y.

November 9, 1892.

Sir;

In compliance with your request of the 7th instant. I forward you by to days mail Report of the Director of the Mint on the production of the precious metals in the United States for 1880 and 1881.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Minit.

November 9, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I observe that the names of Thomas R. Jefferson and H. P. Venable of the Census Department of your Minit do not appear on the lists furnished by you for the new Official Register nor upon the September rolls accompanying your Ordinary Accounts.

No notification of their removal for any cause has been received and I will thank you to explain why the names are dropped.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Minit.

November 9, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 1st instant enclosing sample sheet of rough clunks book of Silver purchases, I desire to know whether each book is to contain ten quires of paper or whether the quantity is to be divided between the two.

The requisition has been returned by the Stationery Division of the Department for this information.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Minit.

November 9, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 1st instant in reference to the bids received for furnishing porcelain pots and in reply would state that I would prefer to delay action until the return of the Director, leaving him to decide as to the number to be purchased. In the meantime, I will thank you to inform this office how many of the Remmy pots have been purchased heretofore for the use of your Minit.

Very respectfully R. E. Preston Acting Director.

Robert Brinson Esq.140 W. Sixth Street,
Leadville Colo.

November 9 1882.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 3rd instant relative to procuring material for the report for 1882 and thank you for the interest which you have manifested.

The appropriation made by Congress for this work is but four thousand dollars, and as the ground to be reviewed comprises the whole mining territory of the United States the sum that can be devoted to each State and Territory for the payment of actual and necessary expenses is so small that we must depend largely upon the courtesy of those engaged in mining pursuits to contribute information.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Richard A. Parker Esq.

Georgetown Colorado.

November 9, 1882.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 4th instant requesting a copy of the report of the Director upon the production of the precious metals in the United States, and take pleasure in sending it to you by current mail.

The Director is engaged in procuring statistics for the next report and desires me to request that you will furnish information respecting the mines in your vicinity, or of those at least with which you are familiar, giving amount and character of development, present production, and such other facts as will be of interest and value.

Please furnish also, at your early convenience the names of other reliable persons in your district with whom the Director may correspond in relation to mines other than those with which you are familiar.

Very respectfully R. E. Preston Acting Director.

Telegram J. W. Seligman & Co
New York.

November 9, 1882

Your offer accepted

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Similar telegram addressed to.

Scrada Bank.

San Francisco.

Telegram Boston & Colorado Smelting Company.
Denver Colorado.

November 9, 1882.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans. at one hundred twelve and sixty nine hundredths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram Supt. Minit.

November 9, 1882.

Carson Nevada.

Offer of Rulison declined.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram Nandy & Cronie.

November 9, 1882.

24 Nassau Street.

New York.

Your offers for Philadelphia and New Orleans accepted.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed

Acting Director.

Telegram Supt. Minit.

November 9, 1882.

New Orleans.

Rec'd from Boston and Colorado Smelting Company forty thousand ounces and from Nandy & Cronie one hundred thousand ounces, both at one hundred twelve and sixty nine hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Confirmed

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

November 9, 1882

San Francisco.

✓ Receive from Nevada Bank seventy eight thousand ounces.
at one hundred twelve and six tenths cents per ounce
fine.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed Acting Director.

Telegram

Zimmerman and Torrey.

November 9, 1882.

New York.

Your offer declined.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed Acting Director.

First Auditor.

November 9, 1882.

Treasury Department.

Sir:

✓ I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the
Ordinary Refinery and Std Sil Doll Expense accounts of the
Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the month
ending September 30th 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of
adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

November 9, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

✓ I have examined and referred to the proper accounting
officers of the Department for examination and settlement
your ordinary Refinery Std. Sil Doll Expense accounts
for the month ending September 30th 1882 with my approval.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Dept. Mint.
Philadelphia.

November 9, 1882.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties at the rates, and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit of-

J & W. Seligman & Co	50,000 ounces	at	\$ 1.1245
" " " " "	25,000	" "	1.1247
" " " " "	25,000	" "	1.1249
Nandy & Cromie	100,000	" "	1.1269

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Dept. Mint.
Carson.

November 10, 1882.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for payment from your appropriation for contingent expenses the account of Messrs Emier & Amend amounting to \$37.25 for Glass Syphons. You will please remit the amount to them.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Messrs Emier & Amend.

November 10, 1882.

205-201 Third Avenue,
New York City.

Gentlemen,

Your account amounting to \$37.25 for Glass Syphons furnished the U. S. Mint at Carson for, has been transmitted to the Superintendent of that Mint with

instructions to remit that amount to you.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint.

November 10, 1882.

New Orleans.

Please reply to letter of October thirty-first relative to this.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

November 10, 1882.

Carson.

Sir:

Your letter of the 3rd instant enclosing statement showing amount and value of silver purchased at your Mint during October, 1882, is received.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Graphic Company.

November 10th 1882.

#39-41 Park Place.

New York City, N. Y.

Gentlemen

Your bill of the 8th instant for one map of Arizona (official) purchased for the use of this office amounting to \$1.50 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.
Nevada. Mint.

November 10. 1882.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion accounts with Abstracts and vouchers for the quarter ending September 30. 1882.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.
San Francisco.

November 10. 1882.

Sir;

Your letter of the 2nd instant enclosing corrected statement of silver purchased at your Mint from the 16th to the 21st of October, 1882, is received.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Quicksilver.

Hon Charles J. Folger.
Secretary of the Treasury.

November 10. 1882.

Sir;

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver Col. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Ninety Two thousand Four hundred Thirty Four and $\frac{89}{100}$ Dollars (\$92,434.89) in gold coin, and Four hundred Eighty Six and $\frac{55}{100}$ Dollars (\$486.55) in silver coin, making a total of Ninety Two thousand Five hundred Twenty one and $\frac{44}{100}$ Dollars (\$92,921.44) being the net value of Bullion hitherto forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver Col. for coinage as shown by Memorandum No 1695 dated Nov. 6th 1882, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Quicksilver.

Supt. Mint.
Carson.

November 11, 1882.

✓ Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred twelve
and one tenth cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Similar telegram addressed to

Supt. Mint

New Orleans.

Supt. Mint.

Philadelphia.

Supt. Mint.

San Francisco. ✓

J. R. Gordrich, Esq.

N. S. N. M.

November 11, 1882.

Sir;

I have your letter of current date requesting to be informed
of the value in cents, to five places of decimals, of the
Japanese Sen. The Sen is a copper coin the $\frac{1}{100}$ of the
Yen which contains one and a half grammes of fine gold
worth in U. S. Coin \$9968.99 +

The nominal value of a Sen would therefore be .996.899
of a cent.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.

New York City

November 11, 1882

Sir;

C. D. No 1610, for \$8841.30 being an account of Parting and
Refining Cinnings during October 1882, enclosed in your
communication of the 10th instant has been received,
properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the
Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bulletin
accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury
to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting and Refining Bullion".

Very respectfully R. E. Preston Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York City.

November 11. 1882.

Sir;

C. D. No 1611 for \$224.10 being on account of Melting Alloy & Bar charges during October 1882 enclosed in your communication of the 10th instant has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
New Orleans.

November 11. 1882

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of statement of earnings and expenditures of your Mint for the quarter ended 30th of September 1882.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge Helena.

November 11. 1882.

Sir;

I return herewith for the signature of W. D. Wheeler to Certificate of Gold Deposit number 333, pertaining to your Bullion Account for the Third quarter of the Calendar year 1882. Please cause same to be signed and return as early as practicable.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
San Francisco.

November 11, 1882.

Sir;

I return herewith enclosed Certificate of Deposit #1096 pertaining to your Bullion account for the quarter ending September 30th 1882. for the signature of A. B. Paul in whose favor said certificate is made out.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Ed. J. Wheeler Esq.
1338 Chestnut St.
Philadelphia.

November 11, 1882.

Sir;

Your letter of the 6th instant addressed to the Hon William Lawrence First Comptroller of the Treasury requesting information in reference to the legal tender character of United States coins has been referred to this Bureau.

Gold coins of the United States are a legal tender in all payments at their nominal value when not below the standard weight and limit of tolerance provided by law for the single piece, and when reduced in weight below such standard and tolerance are a legal tender at valuation in proportion to their actual weight.

Trade dollars are not a legal tender. Standard silver dollars are a legal tender at their nominal value for all debts and dues, public and private, except where otherwise expressly stipulated in the contract.

The present silver coins of the United States of smaller denominations than one dollar are a legal tender in all sums not exceeding ten dollars, in full payment of all dues both public and private.

The minor coins are a legal tender at their nominal value for any amount not exceeding twenty-

fifty cents in any one payment.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

November 13, 1882.

Carson City.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and twelve cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston.

Confirmed.

Acting Director.

Similar telegram addressed to.

Telegram

Supt. Mint.

Supt. Mint.

New Orleans.

San Francisco.

Supt. Mint.

Nov 13, 1882.

Carson.

Sir;

I find that you have not forwarded your statement of "Earnings and Expenditures" for the quarter ended September 30, 1882. Please do so without delay, and hereafter forward these statements promptly at the close of each quarter.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Walter B. Drexler Esq.

November 13, 1882.

#219 West Eleventh St.

New York.

Sir;

In reply to your request of the 11th inst. I send you by current mail, copies of the Director's Report on the production of the precious metals for the years 1880 and 1881.

I mailed a letter under date of October 27th to your address at Globe Arizona and enclose you a copy of the same.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Prof. Thomas Egleston.

November 13. 1882.

School of Mines, 49th St. & 4th Avenue.

New York City.

Sir:

In reply to your note of the 11th instant I send you by current mail a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint on the production of the precious metals. I mailed you a copy some days since immediately after the reports had been received from the printer.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director

Howard Leonard. Esq.

November 13. 1882.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Boston Mass.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 9th instant requesting a copy of the Report of the Director upon the production of the precious metals for the use of your reading room.

I take pleasure in sending you two copies by current mail, one for your reading room and one for your private use.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

R. S. Morrison. Esq.

November 13. 1882.

Georgetown Col.

Sir:

I return herewith money order for \$5.00 enclosed in your letter of the 7th instant, and would state that in order to purchase the coins you desire you should apply to Col. A. London Snowden, Superintendent of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia.

It will therefore be necessary that you have the

enclosed order cancelled and procure one in favor of Mr. Smrden.
Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Assay Office
New York.

November 13. 1882.

Sir;

C. I. No 1395 for \$ 9340.57 being on account of parting and refining charges for September enclosed in your communication of the 11th ultimo has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for Parting & Refining bullion.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director ✓

Supt. Assay Office.
New York.

November 13. 1882.

Sir;

C. I. No 1396 for \$ 212.91 being on account of melting, alloy and bar charges for September, enclosed in your communication of the 11th ultimo has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury, as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston. ✓

Acting Director.

Supt. Minit.

November 18. 1882

New Orleans.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 25th ultimo, enclosing Certificate of Deposit No 217, for \$24 on account of assays of ore.

Your attention is respectfully directed to the amount entered as received from this source on your statement of "Earnings and Expenditures" for the quarter ended September 30. 1882, herewith returned for correction, namely \$9.00.

I would also call your attention to the fact that the usual statement showing the date, depositor, and amount received for each assay does not accompany the Certificate.

Very respectfully

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Minit.

November 18. 1882.

New Orleans.

Sir;

Referring to the abstract sheets of your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ended September 30 1882. I return herewith certificate of silver purchase No 216 and Minit receipt No 215 issued to Nandy and Conier, with the remark that it does not belong in the quarter's accounts under consideration.

Silver certificate No 206, purporting to have been issued to J. W. Maxwell, for \$2,750.75, and corresponding Minit receipt do not accompany your accounts, and you will please forward them at once, to facilitate the settlement of your accounts.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram. Supt. Mint.

November 13, 1882

Philadelphia.

Letter by mail relative to dies for New Orleans.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

November 13, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

I have to request that you will cause the following dies to be prepared for the calendar year 1883 and transmitted to the U. S. Mint at New Orleans

24 Obverse	1 $\frac{5}{16}$	in.	Long	S. S. Dollar.
20 Reverse	2 $\frac{3}{16}$	"	"	" " "
2 Obverse	1 $\frac{1}{16}$	"	"	Eagle
2 Reverse	2 $\frac{3}{16}$	"	"	"

The delay in ordering these dies was occasioned by non-receipt of a requisition from the Superintendent of that Mint.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

November 13, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

C/O. No 5624 for \$ 1113.89 being on account of refining charges for September 1882 enclosed in your communication of the 17th ultimo has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Minit.
Philadelphia.

November 13. 1882

Sir;

C. I. No 3625 for \$ 172.68 being on account of melting alloy and bar charges for September enclosed in your communication of the 17th ultimo has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bulletin accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Southwick Guthrie Esq.

November 13. 1882.

Representative U. P. R. R. Co.

Room 91. Corcoran Bldg. City.

Sir;

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement bill of the Union Pacific R. R., bearing date of September 27. 1882 for transportation of Fredrick Eckfeldt from Oden, Utah, to Council Bluffs en route from San Francisco, amounting to \$44.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Southwick Guthrie, Esq.

November 13. 1882

Representative Central Pacific R. R.

Room 91 Corcoran Bldg. City.

Sir;

I return herewith for correction bill of the Central Pacific R. R. dated September 23. 1882 for transportation of passenger.

The ticket issued on transportation order No 853 was used only as far as Reno, Nevada, as will be seen from the punch marks on the ticket herewith enclosed for your information. I will thank you to have

The proper correction made and the bill returned to this office.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

November 13, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending October 31st 1882.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

November 14, 1882.

Powder City.

Sir;

I have received your letter of the 3rd ultimo, transmitting your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ended September 30th 1882, and also the Bullion Accounts referred to.

In the letter you state that the Certificate of Deposit for earnings will be forwarded as soon as received. It has been over a month since this letter was received, and the certificate has not reached this office as yet, and I will thank you to forward it without ^{further} delay, so that I can correct your accounts for the second and third quarters of the present calendar year, and return them to you to be copied, in order that they may be in proper shape to present to the accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement. This I cannot do without all the data before me, of which this certificate forms an important part.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.
Bouie City.

November 14, 1882.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of November 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$650. payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries.	1883	<u>\$244.60</u>
Wages of Workmen	"	
Contingent Expenses.	"	<u>405.40</u>

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
Carson.

November 14, 1882.

Sir:

I have received your communication of the 6th instant, enclosing Certificate of Deposit covering the charges collected at your institution during the month of October, but I have not received Form No 83 "Report of charges collected" during the same month.

As the certificates are checked with the figures on Form 83 before covering them into the Treasury, it is very important that the monthly report of charges collected should be forwarded at or about the same time as the Certificate of Deposit, and I will thank you to see to it that hereafter the report of charges collected accompanies the Certificate of Deposit.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

November 14, 1882.

Carson.

Sir;

C/S. No 310 for \$ 27.23 being on account of charges for melting and alloy for September 1882. enclosed in your communication of the 12th ultimo has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

November 14, 1882.

Carson.

Sir; C/S. No 311 for \$ 2448.96 being on account of refining charges for September 1882 enclosed in your communication of the 12th ultimo, has been received properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting and Refining Bullion"

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

November 14, 1882.

Charlotte A.C.

Sir;

C/S. No 189 for \$ 47.70 being on account of ore assays for quarter ended Sept. 30, 1882 enclosed in your communication of the 18th ultimo, has been received properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully, R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.
Charlotte, N.C.

November 14, 1882.

Sir,

Referring to the deposits of gold bullion enumerated on your abstract sheets for the quarter ended September 30th 1882, your attention is respectfully directed to the following errors in calculating the standard weight of the silver contained, namely:

			St. wt.		St. wt.
July 1	Certificate 252	Silver	.84	should be	.78
" 2	" 301	"	8.82	"	8.69
August 4	" 316	"	1.84	"	1.68
" 12	" 333	"	4.94	"	5.06
" 18	" 345	"	.95	"	.99
" 26	" 363	"	.45	"	.40

I will thank you to explain how these errors occurred.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
New Orleans.

November 14, 1882.

Sir,

I find that you have not forwarded any Certificate of Deposit covering into the Treasury the charges collected at your institution since the commencement of the present fiscal year.

The regulations require that all profits, gains, and charges, together with the funds arising from the sale of old materials, shall be covered into the Treasury quarterly.

Since the passage of the act authorizing the use of the "parting and refining charges" for the payment of the expenses attending those operations, it has been the practice, and your Mint has been instructed, to deposit the charges at the close of each month called for by the abstract sheets. I will thank you to deposit the charges for the first

quarter of the present fiscal year (parting and refining separate from the others) and the charges for the month of October in like manner, without further delay, and forward the original certificates to this Office. And hereafter you will please see that the charges are deposited each month and that the certificates accompany the "Report of charges collected" Form No 83.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Quiclor.

Telegram

Supt. Mmit.

November 14, 1882.

New Orleans.

You are authorized to employ three or four additional adjutants temporarily if necessary to complete the voyage assigned you for present month.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Quiclor.

Supt. Mmit.

November 14, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your communication of the 4th instant, enclosing Certificates of Deposit covering the charges collected at your institution during the month of October. But I have not received Form No 83, Report of charges collected during the same month.

As the Certificates are checked with the figures on Form No 83 before covering them into the Treasury, it is very important that the monthly report of charges collected should be forwarded at or about the same time as the Certificates of Deposit, and I will thank you to see to it that hereafter the report of charges collected accompanies the Certificates of Deposit.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston

Acting Quiclor.

Supt. Mint.

San Francisco.

November 14, 1882.

Sir:

✓ C/S. No 298 for \$ 214.74 being on account of alloy charges for September 1882 enclosed in your communication of the 9th ultimo has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

San Francisco.

November 14, 1882.

Sir:

✓ C/S. No 299 for \$ 176.65 being on account of melting charges for September 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 9th ultimo has been received properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

San Francisco.

November 14, 1882.

Sir:

✓ C/S. No 300 for \$ 9201.17 being on account of refinery earnings for September 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 9th ultimo has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the Appropriation for "Parting & Refining Bullion"

Very respectfully, R. E. Preston Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

November 14, 1882.

San Francisco.

Sir;

Referring to your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of October 1882, I desire to call your attention to voucher #131 bill of C. Detrick & Co for 48 lbs of Bull terine charged at 27 1/2 c per lb.

✓ Your contract with Lake and Warren for best bull terine is at the rate of 25 c per lb. I will thank you to explain why the excess of 2 1/2 c per lb was paid, instead of purchasing the terine from the regular contractors.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

November 15, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

✓ I transmit herewith for payment from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year 1883, the account of the Evening News amounting to \$12.00 for advertising proposals for Nickel.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.

November 15, 1882.

Philadelphia.

Sir;

✓ Referring to your letter yesterday in regard to the length of the standard silver dollar dies for the Mint at New Orleans, I have to state that the length should be 1 1/8 inches. The length as furnished by letter of the 13th instant, 1 5/8, was a clerical error of the clerk who copied the requisition.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

W. P. Lawver Esq.,

Assayer, Bureau of the Mint.

November 15, 1882.

Sir;

On the 10th of June of the present year the Director of the Mint approved and referred to the Trust Auditor for settlement an account of William Ballantyne and son, Book-sellers of this city, amounting to \$15.07 for certain chemical works for use in the Laboratory.

The Trust Auditor stated an account, No 231,012 allowing the amount which was certified and approved by the Trust Comptroller, but in copying it in the Office of the Register of the Treasury the figures were changed from 15.07 to 15.70. The error was discovered by the Register after the warrant had gone to the Treasurer, and the draft had been drawn, but before it was countersigned by the Register.

The Register sent for his statement and had it corrected. The warrant was also corrected by certificate with directions signed by the Assistant Secretary for the Treasurer to pay the proper amount, which the Treasurer declines to do for the reason that the draft has already been drawn, although it had not been signed by the Register.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Capt. Minit.

Carson.

November 15th 1882.

Sir;

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from your ^{Contingent} appropriation for the fiscal year 1882, bill of the Central Pacific Railroad for freight, in the month of April, from San Francisco to Reno, Nevada, on two cases of muriatic acid and one case of

assays material, amounting to \$6.38

Enclosed I forward for your information duplicate bill and bill of lading.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge.

November 16, 1882.

Denver, Minn.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from your Contingent appropriation for the current fiscal year, bill of the Empire Line for transportation of freight from Philadelphia to Chicago, consigned to your care, amounting to 44¢. I enclose herewith duplicate bill and bill of lading.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

S. Guthrie, Esq.

November 15, 1882.

Representation U. P. R. R. Co.

Room 91 Corcoran Bldg. City.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the Secretary of the Treasury with the request that he will forward the same to the First Auditor for settlement, bill of the Union Pacific Railroad for transportation of Mint supplies in September 1880, amounting to \$194.89.

Very respectfully.

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

S. Guthrie, Esq.

November 15, 1882.

Representative C. P. R. R.

Room 91 Corcoran Bldg.

City.

Sir,

I return herewith for explanation of the last item, bill of the Central Pacific Railroad for transportation of Mint supplies in the month of March 1882.

The last item, way bill No 899 from San Francisco to Reno is entered in the bill and charged for as being 20,000 pounds, while the amount called for by the way-bill is 10,125 pounds.

I will thank you to offer such explanation as may account for this apparent error, or if the bill is wrong, have it corrected.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston

Acting Director.

S. Guthrie, Esq.

November 15, 1882.

Representative C. P. R. R. Co.

Room 91. Corcoran Bldg. City.

Sir,

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement bill of the Central Pacific Railroad for the transportation in April 1882, from San Francisco to Reno, Nevada, of two cases of muriatic acid and one case of assayers material amounting to \$6.38.

Very respectfully,

R. C. Preston.

Acting Director.

Supt. Mint.
San Francisco.

November 16, 1882.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day viz:

24 Computation Books.

Very respectfully.

R. E. Preston.

Acting Director.

Telegram
Confirmed.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

November 16, 1882.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred eleven and seven tenths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Similar telegram sent to Superintendents

at
Barrow, Nev. New Orleans, La. San Francisco, Cal.

with the exception of eight tenths, instead of seven tenths.

Wohl & Pollitz

November 16, 1882.

San Francisco, Cal.

Your offers declined.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Telegram,
Confirmed.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York,

November 16, 1882.

Your offers accepted.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Telegram

Boston and Colorado Smelting Co.

November 16, 1882.

Denver, Col.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred twelve ^{and} ten hundredths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. |

Confirmed.

Telegram

Handy & Bronise,

November 16, 1882.

24 Nassau St.

New York,

Your offers for New Orleans and Philadelphia accepted.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. |

Confirmed.

Telegram

Handy & Bronise,

November 16, 1882.

24 Nassau St.

New York,

Yes - if no counterfeits nor filled pieces are found to be among them.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Telegram

Supt. U. S. Mint,

November 16, 1882.

New Orleans,

Receive from Boston and Colorado Smelting Co. forty thousand ounces at one hundred twelve ^{and} ten hundredths cents per ounce fine and from Handy & Bronise one hundred thousand ounces at one hundred twelve ^{and} nine hundredths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director. |

Confirmed.

C. J. Crawford, Esq.
Crawford Corners,
Pa.

November 16, 1882.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon the sample of ore received by mail on the 13th instant.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Pierre L. Van Wyck, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City,

November 16, 1882.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your ordinary and refinery expense accounts with abstracts and vouchers for the month ending October 31, 1882.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Mr. A. H. Smyth,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

November 16, 1882.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your ordinary expense account with abstracts and vouchers for the month ending October 31, 1882.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

November 16, 1882.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith for payment from the

appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year, the account of the "day" amounting to \$10.62 for advertising for proposals for one cent blanks.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.

November 16, 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Messrs. Handy & Brown desire to deposit Mexican dollars on account of a sale of silver made by them to the government and I have informed them that no refining charge will be imposed by you unless counterfeit or filled pieces are contained in the deposit.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. London Snowden, Esq.

November 16, 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Purchases of silver bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit of

J. & W. Seligman & Co. - 30,000 ounces at \$1.1195

J. & W. Seligman & Co. - 30,000 " " 1.1197

J. & W. Seligman & Co. - 30,000 " " 1.12

Handy & Bronise 100,000 ounces at \$1.1209
 Very respectfully,
 R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director. ✓

A. H. R. Read, Esq.
 Leadville, Col.

November 16, 1882.

Sir:-

I have received your letter of the 10th instant relative to collecting statistics for the next report of the director of the Mint, on the production of the precious metals and thank you for the interest that you manifest.

The amount appropriated by Congress for this work is so limited that we have to depend upon the courtesy of mining engineers, mine owners, superintendents and others interested in the advancement of the mining interests, for the chief portion of the information obtained. I regret therefore that I cannot offer you a money equivalent for what you may be pleased to contribute, as I do not doubt but that an article prepared by you, would be possessed of unusual merit and interest.

Very respectfully,
 R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director. ✓

Supr. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

November 16, 1882.

Sir:-

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the department for examination and settlement, bill of the Union Pacific Railroad for transportation of Mint-supplies for your Mint in September 1880, amounting to \$194.⁴⁴ of which amount \$33.⁵² is to be paid from the appropri-

ation contained in the Act authorizing the coinage of the standard silver dollar ^{and} \$161,374 from the appropriation for Parting ^{and} refining Bullion.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

Hon. James Gilfillan,
Treasurer of the U. S.

November 16, 1882.

Sir:-

I have the honor to request that you will furnish this office with statements showing the transfers to and from the bullion funds of the various Mints and Assay Offices of the United States during the quarter ended September 30, 1882, and the balances at that date.

I would respectfully state that these statements are necessary for the examination of the quarterly bullion accounts of the institutions under the supervision of this office, and the accounts for the quarter named have accumulated and cannot be passed to the accounting officers for settlement until the information requested and which can only be obtained from your office, is furnished.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Sup. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

November 17, 1882.

Sir:-

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$1,000.- to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institutions during the present month payable from the appropriation for "Parting and Refining

Bullion." Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint, November 17, 1882.
Barson, Treas.

Sir:-

The following coins reserved during the month of October at your Mint for special assay and transmitted to this office, have been received, viz:

1 Double Eagle	\$ 20.
1 Half "	5.
3 Standard Silver Dollars	3.
Total Value	\$ 28.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint, November 17, 1882.
Barson, Treas.

Sir:-

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of November, 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$10,500. payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1883 -	\$ 2500.
Wages of Workmen	"	6000.
Contingent Expenses	"	2000.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Barson, Sec.

November 17, 1882.

Sir:-

C/S. No. 381 for \$763.⁵⁰ being on account of unexpended balance Wages Appropriation, 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 6th instant, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your ordinary accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation named.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Barson, Sec.

November 17, 1882.

Sir:-

C/S. No. 380 for \$675.⁵² being on account of charges other than parting and refining, enclosed in your communication of the 6th instant, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Barson, Sec.

November 17, 1882.

Sir:-

C/S. No. 379, for \$1500.⁰⁶ being on account of parting and refining charges for October, 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 6th instant, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the

Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit- to be given
you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered
into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for
"Parting and Refining Bullion."

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

November 17, 1882.

Sir:-

✓ C/D. No. 382 for \$31.70 being on account of
charges other than refinery for October, enclosed in
your communication of the 6th instant, has been received,
properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of
the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your
bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the
Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

November 17, 1882.

Sir:-

✓ I have approved and referred to the proper
accounting officers of the Department for examination
and settlement, payable from the appropriation for
contingent expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year
1882, bill of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific
Railroad for freight on supplies shipped your Mint,
amounting to \$3.19 as per duplicate bills of lading
enclosed for your information.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston, Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

November 17, 1882.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of September 1882, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,
 R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

November 17, 1882.

Sir:

C/D. No. 5632 for \$1185.⁸⁴ being on account of refinery charges collected in October enclosed in your communication of the 15th instant, has been approved, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as the credit of the appropriation for "Parting and Refining Bullion".

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

November 17, 1882.

Sir:-

C/D. No. 5633 for \$251.⁰² being on account of charges other than refinery for October, enclosed in your communication of the 15th instant, has been received properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt".

Very respectfully - R. E. Preston, Acting Director.

Herman Silver, Esq. November 17, 1882.
Assayer in charge, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Col

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your ordinary expense account, with abstracts ^{and} vouchers for the month ending October 31, 1882.

Very respectfully,
R.E. Preston,
Acting Director.

U. S. Assay Office,
New York,

November 17, 1882.

Sir:-

I have examined ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement, your ordinary ^{and} refinery expense accounts for the month ending October 31, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
R.E. Preston,
Acting Director.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department,

November 17, 1882.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith for examination ^{and} settlement, the ordinary ^{and} refinery expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York City, for the month ending October 31, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
R.E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Robert Beall, Esq.
Bookseller, 495 Pa. Ave.

November 17, 1882.

City,

Sir:-

Your bill of the 16th for books purchased for the use of this Bureau, amounting to \$24.35, has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

November 17, 1882.

Sir:-

C.D. No. 384 for \$9641.⁰⁸ being on account of refinery earnings for October, enclosed in your communication of the 4th instant, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for "Parting and Refining Bullion".

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

November 17, 1882.

Sir:-

C.D. No. 385 for \$219.49 being on account of alloy charges collected in October, 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 4th instant, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to

the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

November 17, 1882.

Sir:-

✓ Cf. D. No. 386 for \$149.⁰⁴ being on account of melting charges for October, 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 4th instant, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. R. Williams, Esq.
713 - 7th St.
City,

November 17, 1882.

Sir:-

✓ Your bill of the 15th instant for 40 bushels Coke, purchased for the use of the Laboratory in connection with this Bureau, amounting to \$6. has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

November 17, 1882.

Sir:-

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, bill of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad for freight on supplies shipped you during the fiscal year 1882, amounting to \$122.78, of which amount \$78.96 is to be paid from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year 1882 and \$43.82 from the appropriation for parting and refining bullion. I enclose herewith for your information duplicate bills of lading.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

November 17, 1882.

Sir:-

Referring to my dispatch of the 30th ultimo, instructing you to treat defaced standard silver dollars and Mexican dollars from the Assistant Treasurer at New Orleans as a part of the whole amount of uncurrent coins received from the Assistant Treasurers and to credit the silver profit fund with the difference between the value at which they were transferred and their value in subsidiary silver coin, you are hereby instructed to treat the amounts referred to as any other purchase of silver bullion and allow the profit on the coinage to show in the regular seigniorage of the month.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

November 17, 1882.

Sir:-

I have approved ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the department for examination and settlement, payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year 1882, bill of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad, for freight on supplies shipped your Mint, amounting to \$12.71 as per duplicate bills of lading enclosed for your information.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

November 17, 1882.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith for your information copies of the correspondence between the Secretary of the Treasury and the Adams Express Co. extending the territory under the provisions of the existing contracts between the United States and that company so as to include your state.

Under the terms of this contract it will be necessary for you to ship your bullion, on and after December 1st 1882, by the Adams Express Co. at the rate prescribed in said contract, namely: twenty-five hundredths of a cent per mile per one thousand dollars, with a minimum rate of fifty cents per \$1,000. to each express carrying, when the distance at the prescribed rate does not equal that sum.

This will increase the cost of transporting your bullion from \$2.43 per thousand dollars to \$4.65 per thousand and as you have only collected

from depositors at the rate first named for transporting the bullion now on hand, the new rate will not be paid nor be imposed on deposits until the first proximo.

It is understood that Wells, Fargo and Co. are to act as the agent of Adams Express Co. so I presume there is no objection to delivering to them.

I enclose a copy of the contract with Adams Express Co., dated February 1, 1879, so far as it relates to gold coin and bullion.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director. ✓

Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office, November 17, 1882.
Helena, Mont.

Sir:-

✓ I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Institution for the fiscal year, 1882, bill of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad for freight on supplies shipped your Institution, amounting to 66¢ as per duplicate bills of lading enclosed for your information.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director. ✓

Assayer in charge, November 17, 1882.
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

✓ Sir:-

I have examined the deposits entered on the abstract sheets of your Bullion Accounts for

quarter ended September 30, 1882 and I find that you do not impose the additional charge of one hundred cents for each deposit of one thousand ounces or less, which is additional to the regular mint charges, as provided for on page 6, of the Regulations of 1881, immediately below the "Parting and Refining charges", as per section marked in enclosed copy of Regulations.

As several of your deposits are run together at the Institution to which you ship them, so that the charge of one dollar would cover a number of your bars, it is a question which will be submitted to the Director on his return whether you should impose the full charge of one dollar on each deposit made at your institution as required by the section referred to or only a portion of it, according to the size of the deposit. But it is clear that some portion of the charge referred to should be imposed on each deposit to cover the additional charge at the institution to which your bullion is shipped.

I will also thank you to inform me what rate of charge you impose for melting, assaying and stamping (your own charge). The Regulations require, page 8, section one, that this charge shall be "one-eighth of one per cent on the gross value of the bullion". I have calculated a number of the deposits entered on your abstract sheets and it would appear that you are imposing a lower rate.

Without entering into particular deposits, the total gross value of the bullion deposited at your institution during the quarter named was \$223,162.⁵¹/₁₀₀, the charge on which for melting, assaying and stamping ($\frac{1}{8}$ of one per cent) would be \$278.95, whereas you have only

\$222.⁴⁰ being a loss to the government, on this quarter's transactions, of \$56.⁵⁵. Unless you can give some good reason, satisfactory to this office, why the rate called for by page 8. of the Instructions, was not imposed, I can see no good reason why you should not be held for this amount.

Please inform me at once on this subject.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

First Auditor,

November 18, 1882.

Treasury Department,

Sir:-

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Mining Statistics Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, for the year ending June 30, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

First Auditor,

November 18, 1882.

Treasury Department,

Sir:-

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense Account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Col. for the month ending October 31, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Norman Silver, Esq.

November 18, 1882.

Assayer in charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

Sir:-

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense Account for the month ending October 31, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Assayer in charge U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

November 18, 1882.

Sir:-

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, bill of the Stationery Division of the Treasury Department for envelopes furnished your Mint in the month of August 1882, amounting to \$4.01, payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year. I enclose duplicate bill.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Russell B. Harrison, Esq.

November 18, 1882

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:-

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Mining Statistics Expense Account for the year ending June 30, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully, R. E. Preston, Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Survey Office,
New York City,

November 18, 1882.

Sir:-

Requisition has this day been made upon the Public Printer for the blanks asked for in your letter of the 16th instant.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Harvey Holt, Esq.

San Francisco, Cal.

November 18, 1882.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith Treasury draft, No. B. 18987, drawn in your favor for \$5.00 in payment of one copy of an official map of Idaho, purchased for the use of this office.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

November 18, 1882.

Sir:-

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year 1882, bill of the Central Pacific Railroad for transportation of supplies, consigned to your care, from San Francisco to Reno, during the month of March 1882, amounting to \$74.30. I enclose for your information duplicate bill of lading.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Darison, Nev.

November 18, 1882.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of September, 1882, forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Similar letter addressed to
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

W. P. Heiterich, Esq.
Philadelphia, Pa.

November 18, 1882.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith Treasury draft, No. B, 18986, drawn in your favor for \$1.50 in payment of your bill for laboratory supplies.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

November 18, 1882.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 17th instant, requesting 2000 receipts for checks in payment for silver billion, authority is hereby granted to have the same printed in your city.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston, Acting Director.

A. M. Lawver, Esq.

November 18, 1882.

725 Pine St.

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Your bill of the 4th-instant for expenses incurred in visiting Arizona and the preparation of an article for use in the report on the production of Gold and Silver in the U. S., amounting to \$410.25, has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Rayce & Moreau,
1408 Pa. Ave.

November 18, 1882.

City,

Gentlemen:-

Your bill of the 16th-instant for electrical supplies purchased for the use of the Laboratory in connection with this Bureau, amounting to \$8.75, has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

November 18, 1882.

Sir:-

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, bill of the Central Pacific Railroad for transportation of Mint supplies from Ogden to San Francisco, during the month of March, 1882, consigned to your care, amounting to \$464.⁵⁴, of which amount \$154.⁷⁴ is payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year 1882 and \$299.⁸⁰ from the appropriation for sparging and refining bullion. I enclose for your information duplicate bills of lading.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Southwick Guthrie, Esq.

November 18, 1882.

Representative, Central P. R. R.

Room 91, Governor Bldg,
 City.

Sir:-

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, bill of the Central Pacific R. R., bearing date of April 1, 1882, for transportation of Mint supplies, amounting to \$648.⁸⁴.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Hon. Charles G. Folger, November 18, 1882.
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:-

I have the honor to transmit herewith
 mint memorandums covering the transfer from
 the Treasury to the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia
 of the sum of Two Hundred Ninety Eight Thousand
 Five Hundred and Two Dollars (\$298,502.) in
 silver 5 cent pieces and Six Thousand Four
 Hundred Nineteen and $\frac{15}{100}$ (\$6,419 $\frac{15}{100}$) in foreign
 coins and mutilated standard silver dollars for
 recoinage into dimes, from which it will be seen
 that the Mint value in subsidiary silver coin of
 the 5 cent pieces, is Two Hundred Eighty Five
 Thousand Two Hundred Seventy and $\frac{25}{100}$ (\$285,270 $\frac{25}{100}$)
 and of the foreign coin and standard silver dollars, Six
 Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Seven and $\frac{99}{100}$ (\$6,927 $\frac{99}{100}$)
 showing a loss on the recoinage of the 5 cent pieces
 of Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred Thirty One
 and $\frac{75}{100}$ (\$13,231 $\frac{75}{100}$) and a gain of Five Hundred
 Eight and $\frac{84}{100}$ Dollars (\$508 $\frac{84}{100}$) on the foreign coin
 and standard silver dollars deducting the latter
 from the loss on the recoinage of the 5 cent
 pieces, leaves a net loss of Twelve Thousand
 Seven Hundred Twenty Two and $\frac{91}{100}$ (\$12,722 $\frac{91}{100}$)
 and for which sum the Treasurer of the United
 States should be reimbursed.

Very respectfully,
 R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director.

Telegram.

S
Charles H. Platt,

November 20, 1882.

No. 4 Liberty Place,

New York,

✓ Mr. Burchard, the Director of the Mint, is absent
from the city but expect him daily.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

Assayer in charge,

November 20, 1882.

U. S. Assay Office,

Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:-

The following blank forms for official use have been
mailed you this day, viz:

500 Certificates of Gold Deposits

250 Certificates of Ore Assays

✓ 100 Statements of Bullion Shipments, No. 131

Requisition has been made on the printer for

100 Copies of Blank Letters of shipments and

100 Copies of Blank Letters of advice of shipments.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Assayer in charge,

November 20, 1882.

U. S. Assay Office,

Helena, Mont.

Sir:-

✓ I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
Ordinary Expense Account with abstracts and vouchers
for the month ending October 31, 1882.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

November 20, 1882.

Sir:-

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending October 31, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Similar letter addressed to
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

First Auditor,

November 20, 1882.

Treasury Department,

Sir:-

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense Account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo. for the month ending October 31, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

First Auditor,

November 20, 1882.

Treasury Department,

Sir:-

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, La. for the month ending October 31,

1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment
as required by law.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director. ✓

N. N. Swearingen, Esq.

November 20, 1882.

" 414 Sixth Street, (n.w.)
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

✓ I have received your postal card of the
18th instant, requesting to be furnished with the
rules governing the purchase of old gold for coinage
by the Mint.

The government does not purchase gold for
coinage, but it is coined for depositors at the Mints
and the value as determined by melt^{ing} and assay is
returned less the charge for melting and alloy and
also for parting^{ing} and refining, should those operations be
required.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director. ✓

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

November 20, 1881.

Sir:-

In compliance with your request of the 18th
instant, I transmit herewith an additional copy
of the Contract between the United States and the
Adams Express Co. for the transportation of
moneys. I also enclose copies of correspondence
between the General Superintendent of the Adams
Express Co. and the Secretary of the Treasury from
which you will observe that the contract has
been amended so as to include points in the

states of Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and the territories of New Mexico and Dakota, reached by Wells, Fargo & Co's Express.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. U. S. Mint,

November 20, 1882.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

The Act making appropriations for sundry expenses of the government, approved August 7, 1882, contains an appropriation of \$1,000. for redemption of uncurrent minor coins now held by the various officers of the Treasury, into a like amount of One cent and Five cent pieces. I will thank you to inform this office whether you are prepared to receive these coins as it is desirable that they should be forwarded to your Mint and redeemed during the current year as otherwise the appropriation will become unavailable.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

Messrs. Johnson Brothers,

November 21, 1882.

Cor. F. and 12th Sts,

Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:-

I transmit herewith United States Treasury draft, No. B. 19035, drawn in your favor for \$6.96- in payment of One Ton Anthracite Coal purchased for the U. S. Laboratory in connection with this Bureau.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

San Francisco Bulletin Co.

November 21, 1882.

San Francisco, Cal.

(Cor. Montgomery & Merchant Sts.)

Gentlemen:-

✓ Your bill of the 31st ultimo for one year's subscription to Daily Bulletin, purchased for the use of this bureau, amounting to \$12.75, has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

✓ In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

First Auditor,

November 21, 1882.

Treasury Department,

Sir:-

✓ I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense Account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, for the month ending October 31, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

First Auditor,

November 21, 1882.

Treasury Department,

Sir:-

✓ I transmit herewith - for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense Account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mont. for the month ending October 31, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully, R. E. Preston, Acting Director.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho,

November 21, 1882.

Sir:-

I have examined ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense Account for the month ending October 31, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Similar letter addressed to
Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office, Helena, Montana.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

November 21, 1882.

Sir:-

I return herewith the duplicates of vouchers accompanying your accounts current of expenses incurred in the collection of mining statistics during the fiscal year 1882.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

November 21, 1882.

Sir:-

I return herewith for correction your statement of "Earnings and Expenditures" for the quarter ended September 30, 1882.

The amount expended for "Contingent Expenses" should be \$568.⁸⁵ instead of \$569.³⁵, the difference

of fifty cents being an over-payment in your August account to William Woodcock for labor, of which you were notified October 20th. Please return this statement with the corrected one.

If you have not already done so, you will please charge yourself on the "account current" of your "ordinary expense account" for the present month with the disallowance referred to — — — 50¢.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Charles S. Platt,

November 21, 1882.

4 Liberty Place,

New York,

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 20th instant, I have to inform you that Mr. Burchard will return on or about the 28th instant, of which you will be advised.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Telegram

Supt. U. S. Mint,

November 21, 1882.

San Francisco, Cal.

Will ship Hundred Thousand standard silver dollars in November.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Confirmed.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

November 21, 1882.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 14th instant requesting to be supplied with fifteen hundred bank requisitions for fine gold bars, authority is

hereby given to have the same or a quantity necessary for your use, printed in your city.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

A. Gordon Snowden, Esq.

November 21, 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

CfD, No. 5634 for \$100,000. being on account of minor coinage profits, enclosed in your communication of the 18th instant, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts &c. &c.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

November 21, 1882.

New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

CfD, No. 217, for \$24. being on account of assays of ore, enclosed in your communication of the 25th ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury, as a "miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Messrs.

November 21, 1882.

Robbins, Farnsworth Thig & Co.

Franklin Bank,

Newark, Ohio.

Gentlemen:-

I have received your postal of the 11th instant addressed to me at Philadelphia requesting a report or document giving information about the history and present status of the trade dollar.

We have no document giving this information in full, but I can give you a brief history of this coin.

In the latter part of the year 1872, it became apparent that the change in the monetary system of Germany would seriously affect the value of the silver and the mining industry of the United States and the coinage law of February 12, 1873, provided for the coinage of the trade dollar of 420 grains. Previous to this time the Mexican dollar was the chief coin of commerce with China and the trade dollar was made to contain a little more silver than the Mexican dollar in order to find favor with the Chinese and thus create a better market for silver mined in the United States.

According to the provisions of the law, bullion was received for coinage into trade dollars, a charge being made sufficient to cover the cost of the necessary operations. The bullion value of the trade dollar at this time was greater than its nominal value which was sufficient to prevent its circulating as money in the United States. When, however, the value of silver bullion declined to a point at which the bullion value of the trade dollar was less than its nominal value, it became profitable to owners of silver bullion to cause it to be coined into trade dollars and put into circulation and Congress, by joint resolution of July 22, 1876, removed its legal tender qualification and authorized

the Secretary of the Treasury to limit its coinage to such an amount as he deemed sufficient to meet the export demand ^{and} since that date the coinage has been suspended.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director. ✓

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

November 21, 1882.

Sir:-

I am directed by the Secretary of the Treasury to call your attention to the contract between the United States ^{and} the Adams Express Company entered into February 1, 1879, for the transportation of public moneys ^{and} securities; which provides that the United States shall employ said company as its exclusive agent for the transportation of all moneys ^{and} securities belonging to the United States ^{and} to give to it as such agent, all such money ^{and} securities of every kind which are to be transferred from one point to any other within the territorial limits of the contract.

↓ The territorial limits include the state of North Carolina ^{and} you are hereby directed after the first proximo to ship by such Company all the bullion which you have to send to the Mint at Philadelphia ^{and} after that date to collect from depositors the amount necessary to pay the transportation charge under this contract.

For gold coin ^{and} bullion the rate is twenty five hundredths ($\frac{25}{100}$) of a cent per mile per one thousand dollars which will amount to \$1.30 $\frac{3}{4}$ (say \$1.31) per thousand dollars from your city to Philadelphia, the distance being 523 miles;

so that on and after the 1st proximo, you will collect from depositors at that rate and ship your bullion as herein directed.

The Southern Exp. Co. acts as the agent of the Adams Exp. Co. for this business.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

November 21, 1882.

New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

✓ We have lately accepted from Messrs. Handy and Brown a lot of Mexican silver dollars on account of a purchase of silver made from them and I am informed by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia that Mexican dollars frequently contain antimony, bismuth and other deleterious substances, which produce blistering and brittleness in operating and that in his judgment all Mexican dollars should be refined.

In view of the fact that in past times you have received large amounts of Mexican silver dollars and that your Melter and Refiner has had probably a more extensive experience in re-working these coins than any other Mint officer, I have to request that you will procure from him an expression of his opinion as to the necessity for refining these coins before re-melting into ingots and also a statement of his method of working this silver and how the resulting ingots compare in ductility with those made from fine bars purchased for your Mint.

I will thank you to give this matter your early attention.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

November 22, 1882.

Sir:-

I will thank you to inform this office whether it will be practicable to coin at your Mint during the month of December 750,000 standard silver dollars and if so what increase of force would be necessary, if any. An early reply is requested.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

November 22, 1882.

Does the Melter and Refiner of your Mint experience any difficulty or find it necessary to refine Mexican dollars in order to make ductile ingots of them by reason of their containing substances producing blistering and brittleness. Answer by wire.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department,

November 22, 1882.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Refinery Expense Account of the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nev. for the month ending September 30, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Telegram

Confirmed.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department,

November 22, 1882.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith for examination ^{and} settlement, the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nev. for the month ending October 31, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

November 22, 1882.

Sir:-

I have examined ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department, for examination ^{and} settlement, your Refinery Expense Account for the month ending September 30, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

November 22, 1882.

Sir:-

I have examined ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement, your Ordinary Expense Account for the month ending October 31, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

November 22, 1882.

Sir:-

Authority is hereby granted you to have printed for immediate use, 1000 copies of Blank form No. 87 A. "Letters of transmittal of checks" requested in your letter of the 21st instant.

If the necessity therefor will warrant the expenditure, you are also authorized to purchase a "Penalty Stamp" requested in letter of same date.

Very respectfully,
 R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, La.

November 22, 1882.

Sir:-

Referring to the deposits of silver bullion enumerated on your abstract sheet for the quarter ended September 30, 1882, I will thank you to inform me how you arrive at the charges for melting, assaying ^{and} stamping which you have collected.

The regulations provide that the charge shall be one-eighth of one per cent on the gross value of the bullion. On six of the deposits entered on this sheet you have charged thirteen cents each ^{and} on the other one twenty-five cents, although the deposits vary in value from eleven dollars to ninety odd dollars.

Very respectfully,
 R. E. Preston,
 Acting Director.

Southwick Guthrie, Esq.

November 22, 1882.

Representative Union Pacific R.R.

Room 91, Concord Building,
City.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, bills of the Union Pacific R.R. for transportation of mint supplies in 1878 and 1879, amounting to \$17,36²⁴ and \$13¹⁹ respectively.

As the appropriations from which those bills would be properly payable have expired by limitation of law it will be necessary to obtain appropriations from Congress before the same can be paid.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

James B. Volgate & Co.

November 23, 1882.

47 Wall St.

New York City.

Your offer declined.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Similar telegram sent to

Anglo Californian Bank

San Francisco, Cal.

Handy & Cronise,

November 23, 1882.

24 Nassau St.

New York,

Your offers for New Orleans and Philadelphia accepted.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Telegram

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.

November 23, 1882.

Denver, Colorado,

✓ Your offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred twelve and nine hundredths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

Confirmed.

Telegram

Hohl & Pollitz,

November 23, 1882.

San Francisco, Cal.

✓ Your offer of sixty thousand ounces at one hundred eleven and ninety hundredths cents per ounce fine accepted, others declined.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

Confirmed.

Telegram

Supt. U. S. Mint,

November 23, 1882.

San Francisco, Cal.

✓ Receive from Hohl & Pollitz sixty thousand ounces at one hundred eleven and nine tenths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

Confirmed.

Telegram

Supt. U. S. Mint,

November 23, 1882.

New Orleans, La.

✓ Receive from Boston & Colorado Smelting Co. forty five thousand ounces at one hundred twelve and nine hundredths cents per ounce fine and from Handy and Brown one hundred thousand ounces at one hundred twelve and six hundredths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

Confirmed.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury,

November 23, 1882.

Sir:-

I have the honor to request that two (2) cases containing five (5) Steel Rolls for the use of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, consigned to Messrs. James S. Watson & Son, Philadelphia, from Liverpool, per steamship "Pennsylvania", may be admitted free of duty.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

November 23, 1882.

Sir:-

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the department for examination and settlement, your Bullion Accounts for the quarters ending June 30th & September 30, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

November 23, 1882.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary, Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts with abstracts and vouchers for the month ending October 31, 1882.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

November 23, 1882.

Sir:-

Request has this day been made of the Secretary of the Treasury, for the admission free of duty of two (2) cases containing five (5) Steel Rolls for the use of your Mint, consigned to Messrs. James S. Watson & Sons, from Liverpool, per steamship "Pennsylvania".

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

November 23, 1882.

Sir:-

Purchases of silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department ^{by the Secretary of the Treasury} for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates ^{and} for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of —

Nandy & Brown — 250,000 ounces at \$1,1206.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. |

First Auditor,
Treasury Department

November 23, 1882.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Col. for the quarters ending June 30th and September 30, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully, R. E. Preston, Acting Director. ✓

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

November 23, 1882.

Sir:-

Cd. No. 83 for \$151.77 being on account of charges collected during 3rd quarter, 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 30th ultims, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your billian accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Southwick Guthrie, Esq.

November 23, 1882.

Rep. U. P. R. R.

Room # 91, Boreman Building, City,

Sir:-

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, bill of the Central P. R. R. Co. for transportation of freight from San Francisco to Kellon, Utah, in the month of March 1882, consigned to the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho Territory, amounting to \$21.34.

As the appropriation from which this bill is properly payable is exhausted, it will be necessary to obtain an appropriation from Congress before this bill can be settled.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

November 23, 1882.

Sir:-

I return herewith the list of distances enclosed in your letter of the 1st instant as examined and verified by the First Auditor. The distance to Dawson, Texas, cannot be verified by any data in the possession of that office. If you will be kind enough to inform me what lines of railroad run to or near it, we will endeavor to verify the distance.

You will notice that the distance to Greenville, Texas, should be 645 miles instead of 703 miles and that the distance to Huntsville, Texas, should be 437 miles, instead of 529 miles. The distances to the other places enumerated in the list are correct.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

November 23, 1882.

Sir:-

Referring to your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ended September 30, 1882, I will thank you to inform me how it happens that you carry to the credit of "parting and refining", as the value of the charges collected during the quarter for parting and refining \$40.⁵³ and to the credit of "profit and loss" as the value of the charges other than for parting and refining collected during the quarter, \$128.⁹⁸.

The amount of parting and refining charges called for by the abstract sheets of gold deposits is \$30.⁸⁷ and the amount called for by the abstract sheets of silver purchases \$19.⁷³ making a total of \$50.⁶⁰. The other charges entered on the abstract

sheets are as follows:

Melting charge on gold deposits	\$ 23.00
Melting charge on silver purchases	95.26
Alloy charge on gold deposits	<u>42</u>
Total	118.98

I had hoped that as the account under examination is a corrected one, sent in the place of that previously erroneous, it might be found correct, but as the charges credited to the proper accounts must agree with the abstract sheets it will have to be returned for correction.

I return herewith the "deposit and purchase", "parting and refining" and "profit and loss" accounts and the balance sheet of your bullion accounts for correction in the particulars mentioned.

Please return at the earliest moment so that your accounts can go forward for settlement.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Assayer in charge, November 23, 1882.
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:-

I return herewith for correction, as indicated in pencil, your bullion accounts for the quarters ended June 30 and September 30, 1882. I presume that the entry of \$54.98 "Earnings deposited during the quarter ended September 30, is correct, although the lfd. has not reached this office as yet.

I have decided to allow on the memorandum already forwarded the loss on bullion shipped the mint during the last fiscal year, \$82.00.

Please make the necessary corrections in these accounts and return them with the corrected ones to

this office at your earliest convenience.

With reference to your letter of the 31st ultimo, in relation to imposing a charge of one dollar for each deposit of five hundred ounces or less, as required by the Regulations, I have to say that the matter will be brought to the attention of the Director on his return when definite instructions will be given. But it is evident that some portion at least of this additional charge should be collected to cover the additional charge at the Mint.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. U. S. Mint,

November 24, 1882.

Carson City, Nev.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred eleven and six tenths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

Similar telegram sent to

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal. ✓

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La. ✓

Supt. U. S. Mint,

November 24, 1882.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver at your Mint in lots of less than ten thousand ounces will be one hundred eleven and six tenths cents per ounce fine.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

Telegram ✓

Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

November 24, 1882.

Sir:-

Referring to your dispatch of to-day in relation to an advance from the appropriation for standard silver dollars to assist in meeting the expenses of your Mint for the present month, I regret to state that in some way your original request for an advance was overlooked and I had supposed up to this moment that the advance had been requested, but I find that such is not the case.

I have this day requested that an advance of ten thousand dollars be made you from that appropriation and have had the same made special and will endeavor to have the draft reach you before Thanksgiving.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director. ✓

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

November 24, 1882.

Sir:-

I have requested that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased \$50,000. by a transfer of that amount and that the same be placed to your credit with the Colorado National Bank at Denver, Col.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director. ✓

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Barson, Nev.

November 24, 1882.

Sir:-

I have requested that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of 100,000 standard silver dollars and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at San Francisco,

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

November 24, 1882.

Sir:-

I have requested that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of 500,000 standard silver dollars and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury,

November 24, 1882.

Sir:-

I have the honor to request that the bullion funds of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Col. be increased fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) by a transfer of that amount and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said Mint in the Colorado National Bank at Denver, Col.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury,

November 24, 1882.

Sir:-

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans be increased in the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.) by a transfer of that amount in standard silver dollars and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury,

November 24, 1882.

Sir:-

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nev. be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) by a transfer of that amount in standard silver dollars and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said mint with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at San Francisco by telegraph.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury,

November 24, 1882.

Sir:-

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, to that of the Mint at San Francisco, Cal. of the sum of Five Thousand Four Hundred Fifty and $\frac{65}{100}$ Dollars (\$5450.⁶⁵) in

gold coin and Fifty One $\frac{2}{10}$ Dollars ($\$51.25$) in silver coin, making a total of Five Thousand Five Hundred One and $\frac{9}{10}$ Dollars ($\$5501.90$), being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City for coinage as shown by memoranda Nos. 4071 and 4072, dated Nov. 15, 1882, of gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

Assayer in charge,

November 24, 1882.

U. S. Assay Office,

Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I return herewith memorandum of gold bullion shipped by you to the San Francisco Mint on the 8th instant and have to request that it be rendered as required on form No. 131, a supply of which was sent you on the 20th instant.

Please cause the necessary changes to be made and return the corrected statement as soon as practicable.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

Assayer in charge,

November 24, 1882.

U. S. Assay Office,

Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:-

I will thank you to inform me how you arrive at the amount $\$99.54$ "For collection charges included in bullion forwarded", for which you have taken credit in your bullion accounts for the quarter ended September 30, 1882.

On the 1st of August you were instructed to take credit in your accounts each quarter for the exact amount of charges ^{imposed} at the Mint on the bullion transferred during the quarter. The charges imposed by the Mint at Philadelphia on the shipments transferred during the quarter named, packages 22 to 33 inclusive, amount to \$78.⁷⁸ instead of \$79.⁵⁴.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Henry Howard, Esq.,

November 24, 1882.

Secretary, British Legation,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In compliance with your verbal request I transmit herewith a memorandum giving the equivalent values of United States coins based upon the valuation of the pound sterling (\$4.8665) as declared by Act of Congress, March 3, 1873.

I also forward to the Legation by to-day's mail four copies each of the Report of the Director of the Mint on the production of the precious metals in the United States for the calendar years 1880 ^{and} 1881.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

The value in United States money of the pound sterling was declared by Act of Congress of March 3, 1873 to be \$4.8665.

The following are the equivalent values of United States coins based upon this valuation.

(over)

	<u>L</u>	<u>S.</u>	<u>d.</u>
Double Eagle	4	2	2.385 +
Eagle	2	1	1.167 +
Half Eagle	1	0	6.583 +
Three Dollar Piece		12	3.949 +
Quarter Eagle		10	3.291 +
Dollar		4	1.316 +
Half Dollar		2	.658 +
Quarter Dollar		1	.329 +
Nine			4.931 +

The trade dollar is not a legal tender in payments of debts ^{and} can be coined only to meet an export demand. ✓

Telegram

Supt. U. S. Mint,

November 25, 1882.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Instructions of sixteenth instant apply to sale of Kandy & Cronise's Mexicans of Thursday if they do not contain counterfeits or filled pieces.

Confirmed.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. U. S. Mint,

November 25, 1882.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith an additional table of distances from Philadelphia to certain towns to enable you to make payment on shipments of standard silver dollars.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

November 25, 1882.

Sir:-

I have examined ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement, your Ordinary, Refinery ^{and} Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts for the month ending October 31, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director. ✓

First Auditor,
Treasury Department,

November 25, 1882.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith for examination ^{and} settlement, the Ordinary, Refinery ^{and} Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, for the month ending October 31, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director. ✓

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury,

November 25, 1882.

Sir:-

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Four Thousand Two Hundred, Sixty Nine ^{and} $\frac{62}{100}$ (\$4269.⁶²/₁₀₀) in gold coin ^{and} Fifty Three ^{and} $\frac{63}{100}$ (\$53.⁶³/₁₀₀) in silver coin, making a total of Four Thousand Three Hundred ^{and} Twenty Three ^{and} $\frac{125}{100}$ (\$4323.¹²⁵/₁₀₀) being

the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. for coinage, as shown by memorandum No. 1779, dated November 22, 1882, of gold bullion deposited at said mint.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Telegram

Supt. U. S. Mint,

November 27, 1882.

New Orleans, La.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred eleven
and one fifth cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston

Acting Director

Confirmed.

Similar telegram addressed to
Supt. U. S. Mint Supt. U. S. Mint, Supt. U. S. Mint
Barrow City, Tex. ✓ Philadelphia, Pa. ✓ San Francisco, Cal.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

November 27, 1882.

Sir:-

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

50, Blank Returns of Furniture and Fixtures requested in your letter of the 20th instant.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Messrs. James B. Colgate & Co.
#47 Wall St.

November 27, 1882.

New York City,

Gentlemen:-

I have received your letter of the 24th instant requesting to be informed whether the Mint receives Mexican silver dollars on account of sales of silver, without charge.

I am informed by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia that these coins frequently contain counterfeit and filled pieces, rendering a tanning process necessary and that he cannot receive them without imposing a charge for that operation.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,

November 27, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:-

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office, Helena, Mont. to that of the Assay Office at New York, of the sum of Five Thousand One Hundred Ninety Seven ^{and} $\frac{62}{100}$ Dollars ($\$5,197 \frac{62}{100}$) in gold coin and Fifty Eight ^{and} $\frac{91}{100}$ Dollars ($\$589 \frac{91}{100}$) in silver coin making a total of Five Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Six ^{and} $\frac{43}{100}$ Dollars ($\$5,256 \frac{43}{100}$) being the net-value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mont. for coinage as shown by memorandum No 4042, dated November 22, 1882, of gold bullion deposited at said Assay Office.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

November 27, 1882.

Sir:-

Referring to the abstract sheets accompanying your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ended September 30, 1882, I will thank you to inform me how you arrive at the amount charged for alloy entered on the sheets.

✓ The Regulations provide, page 7, that the alloy charge shall be two cents per ounce "on the number of ounces of copper required to reduce the bullion to standard." It would seem as if the proper method of arriving at the amount to be charged (except on deposits whose base is copper) would be to take one-tenth of the standard weight of the gold as the number of ounces of copper required ^{and} to multiply by two cents.

From examination of your abstract sheets it would appear as if you have followed a different method. For instance, on silver purchased from the Bank of California under date of July 5th, the alloy charge on the gold contained is \$1.63, the standard weight of the gold contained is eight hundred ^{and} ninety three ounces ^{and} a fraction, one-tenth of which would be eighty-nine ounces ^{and} the alloy charge of two cents an ounce would be \$1.78 instead of \$1.63, the amount you have imposed. The next purchase from the same institution, on the same date, contains eight hundred ^{and} ninety-nine standard ounces of gold ^{and} a fraction, the alloy charge for which should be \$1.80 instead of \$1.64.

On the gold deposit sheets the same differences in the alloy charge exist, and as I am not able to verify the amounts you have charged I write, hoping that you may be able to offer some

satisfactory explanation in regard thereto.

Please let me hear from you promptly on this subject.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Nandy & Cronise,

#24 Nassau St.

November 28, 1882.

Telegram

New York

Offers for sale of Bullion will be considered on Friday.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint,

November 28, 1882.

New Orleans, La.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred ten and nine tenths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Confirmed

Similar telegram addressed to
Supt. U. S. Mint, Barrow, Nev.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

November 28, 1882.

San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram

Notify sellers of silver that Thursday being a holiday, offers for this week will be considered on Friday.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Confirmed

Telegram

✓

Supt. U. S. Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

November 28, 1882.

Notify sellers of silver that Thursday being a holiday
offers for this week will be considered on Friday.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Confirmed

Telegram

✓

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa

November 28, 1882.

When will transfer order number 11012, November
22, for \$15,000. in dimes for Washington be paid?
Treasurer states that his supply of dimes is exhausted.

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

Confirmed

Messrs. Handy & Cronise,

November 28, 1882.

24 Nassau St.

New York,

Gentlemen:-

Thursday being Thanksgiving day
purchases of silver for this week will be made
on Friday at the usual hour.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Similar letter addressed to
J. & Ph. Seligman & Co.
New York City.

J. B. Colgate & Co.
New York City.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

November 28, 1882.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith authority of the Secretary of the Treasury for you to advertise in the "Evening News" and "Philadelphia Inquirer" for proposals for Oak and Pine Wood.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

James R. Kincaid, Esq.

November 28, 1882.

506 Olive Street-

St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 21st instant, requesting copies of my volumes of the statistics of mines and mining by the United States Mining Commission, has been referred to this office.

The last report of the Commissioner was for 1876 and the supply for distribution has been long since exhausted.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Hon. Charles G. Folger,

November 28, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:-

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the assay office at Charlotte, N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Two Thousand Three Hundred Seven $\frac{48}{100}$ Dollars ($\$2,307.\frac{48}{100}$) in gold coin and Ten $\frac{57}{100}$ Dollars ($\$10.\frac{57}{100}$) in silver coin making a total of Two Thousand Three Hundred Eighteen $\frac{105}{100}$ Dollars ($\$2,318.\frac{05}{100}$) being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded

by the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte,
for coinage as shown by memorandum No. 1791, dated
Nov. 24, 1882, of gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City,

November 28, 1882.

Sir:-

I have to inform you that the official bond of
H. L. Weaver, book-keeper at your office, executed in the
sum of \$10,000.- has been approved by the Secretary
of the Treasury and referred to the First Comptroller for file
in his office.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

November 28, 1882.

Sir:-

I have received your letter of the 20th instant
requesting that the salary of "Hetter" at your institution
be increased to \$2500.- and the salary of "Neigh Clerk"
to \$1800.-

I will state for your information, it is not the
desire of the Secretary to recommend any increase
of salaries and it is quite improbable that he will
do so in these cases.

I will call the attention of the Director to your
letter, upon his return.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

Southwick Guthrie, Esq.

November 28, 1882.

Room # 91, Corcoran Bldg,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to inform you that I have approved ^{and} referred to the Civil Auditor of the Treasury, for examination ^{and} settlement, bill of the U. P. R. R. Co. for transportation of mint supplies in the month of August, 1880, from Council Bluffs to Ogden, consigned to the Superintendent of the Mint at Carson City, amounting to \$5.26.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Southwick Guthrie, Esq.

November 28, 1882.

Room # 91, Corcoran Bldg,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have approved ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the department for examination ^{and} settlement, bill of the U. P. R. R. Co. for transportation in the month of February, 1881, of certain mint-supplies from Council Bluffs to Ogden, amounting to \$381.20.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Southwick Guthrie, Esq.

November 28, 1882.

Room # 91 Corcoran Bldg,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have approved ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the department for examination ^{and} settlement, bill of the U. P. R. R. Co. for transportation of mint-supplies from August, 1879 to June 30, 1880,

from Council Bluffs to Omaha, amounting to \$9.17.
As the use of the appropriations from which this amount would properly be payable has expired by limitation of law, it will be necessary to obtain an appropriation from Congress before this account can be settled.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Barson, Nev.

November 28, 1882.

Sir:-

I have not received your billings accounts for the quarter ending September 30, 1882.

I will thank you to forward them at once and hereafter please see that the quarterly accounts leave your Mint within three or four weeks after the close of the quarter.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Barson City, Nev.

November 28, 1882.

Sir:-

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year 1881, a bill of the U. P. R. R. Co. for transportation in August, 1880, of two (2) boxes of stationery consigned to your care amounting to \$5.26.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

November 28, 1882,

Sir:-

✓ I have approved ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement, payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint, for the fiscal year 1882, bill of the C. P. R. R. Co. for transportation of supplies sent to your care from San Francisco to Reno in the month of May, 1882, amounting to \$7.48.

I enclose herewith for your information, duplicate bills of lading.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

November 28, 1882.

Sir:-

✓ I have approved ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination ^{and} settlement bill of the U. P. R. R. Co. for the transportation in the month of February 1881, from Council Bluffs to Ogden, of 20 casks of copper sent to your care.

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to have the amount, \$184.42 paid from the appropriation contained in the first section of the Act authorizing the coinage of the standard silver dollar.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director. ✓

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

November 28, 1882.

Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge the return to this office of the official bonds of E. W. Wheaton, book-keeper and Arthur Seigling, clerk, and to inform you that they have been referred to the Solicitor of the Treasury for examination and report.

I will inform you hereafter what action is taken in regard to them.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

November 28, 1882.

Sir:-

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, bill of the U. P. R. R. Co. for transportation from Council Bluffs to Ogden in the month of February, 1881, of 20 casks of Copper and 2 Boxes of Stationery sent to your care.

The charge for the former is \$179.⁰² which amount we have requested the Secretary to have paid from the appropriation contained in the first section of the Act authorizing coinage of the standard silver dollar.

The charge for transportation of the Stationery is \$17.⁷⁶ which amount will be paid from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year, 1881.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

November 28, 1882.

Sir:-

I have received your communication of the 16th instant enclosing two (2) certificates of deposit covering into the Treasury the charges collected at your Mint during the month of October, 1882.

The first, No. 244, for \$327¹, has been referred to the Secretary of the Treasury to be covered to the credit of the appropriation for "parting and refining bullion".

The other, No. 245, for \$81⁰² miscellaneous charges, has been referred to the Secretary to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

November 28, 1882.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th instant enclosing Cfd. No. 242, for \$87²⁴, parting and refining charges collected during the quarter ending September 30, 1882, and Cfd. No. 243 for \$267⁶¹ for charges other than parting and refining collected during the same quarter.

Before covering these certificates into the Treasury, I desire to call your attention to the fact that they do not agree in amount with the charges enumerated on your reports of charges collected, form No. 83, for months of July, August and September, comprising the quarter during which these charges were collected.

The reports referred to, show that during the months enumerated, parting and refining charges amounted to \$84²⁴ instead of \$87²² the amount

of your Cf. D. and that the charges other than parting
and refining amounted to \$270.³⁹ instead of
\$267.⁶¹, the amount of your Cf. D.

While the aggregate of these two certificates
agrees with the aggregate of charges collected,
they differ in the amount belonging to each class
of charges.

As one of these amounts is carried into the
Treasury to the credit of an appropriation and the
other as a miscellaneous receipt, it is very
important before covering them into the Treasury,
that we should know the exact amount belonging
to each.

I return herewith for your information the
reports for the three (3) months referred to, and
I will thank you to examine this matter
and if the reports are erroneous, correct them.

The Cf. D. will be held until I hear
from you on the subject and I will thank you
to attend to it promptly.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preslar,

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

November 28, 1882.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 16th instant in
which you state that in your judgment all Mexican dollars
should be refined before being manufactured into coins
and that a refining charge should be imposed, I have
to state that ever since the Mint at New Orleans was
reopened and the purchase of silver commenced at that
place, Mexican dollars have been purchased almost
daily and that no complaint has ever been received
at this office from that institution nor any intimation

that a refining charge should be imposed, but on the contrary the Melted and Refiner of that Mint state that he has experienced no difficulty whatever in working these coins and making ingots perfectly ductile and satisfactory in every respect. I could not therefore see why if one institution which has been purchasing these coins continuously for nearly three years could make ductile ingots from them, the same could not be done at your Mint without refining.

It is but proper to state that the Melted and Refiner at the New Orleans Mint, admits that one or two counterfeit dollars of soft solder or type metal in a thousand pieces, would produce blistering, so-called fish scales and brittleness. I stated that the charge would not be imposed unless such pieces were contained leaving the matter discretionary with you and conditional with the character of the coins.

As inquiries have been received from parties who desire to sell and deliver Mexican dollars in case no refining charge is imposed, I have, in view of the facts stated in your letter that if such charge is not imposed, it is likely to entail considerable loss upon the government, not only in the working of of refractory metal but in the losses resulting from subsequent refining which may be necessary at the expense of the government, decided to notify sellers of silver that Mexican dollars will in future be liable to a toughening charge, these coins being standard and above, under Section 5024, Revised Statutes, a refining charge proper cannot be levied, but when they contain metals which render them unfit for coinage, are liable to a toughening charge, which is provided for in the

regulations ^{and} to be only imposed when the operation is actually performed.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Messrs. Gandy & Cronin,

24 Nassau St.

November 28, 1882,

New York City,

Gentlemen:-

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia informs me that difficulty is experienced in reworking Mexican dollars owing to undetected counterfeits ^{and} the fact that they contain metal rendering them unfit for coinage. ^{and} recommends that a refining charge be imposed on all Mexican dollars as in case no charge is imposed, it is likely to entail considerable loss upon the government not only in the reworking of refractory metal, but in the losses resulting from subsequent refining which may be necessary, at the expense of the government. These coins being standard ^{and} above, under Section 3524, Revised Statutes, a refining charge proper cannot be made, but when they contain metal which renders them unfit for coinage, are liable to a toughening charge provided for, by both the laws ^{and} regulations ^{and} is to be only imposed when the operation is actually performed.

Should you in future make shipments of Mexican dollars on account of sales of silver, they will be liable to a toughening charge in case it is found necessary to perform that operation.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston

Acting Director.

Telegram

Anglo Californian Bank,
San Francisco,

December 1, 1882.

Confirmed

✓ Your offer declined.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Similar telegram addressed to
 ✓ Merada Bank ✓ Hohl & Pollitz, ✓ Daniel Meyer,
 San Francisco San Francisco San Francisco
 ✓ J. & B. Volgate & Co.
 New York

Telegram

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

December 1, 1882.

Confirmed

✓ Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred ten
and three quarter cents per ounce fine.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Similar telegram sent to
 ✓ Supt. U. S. Mint, Supt. U. S. Mint, Supt. U. S. Mint,
Barson, Tex. New Orleans, ✓ San Francisco.

Telegram

Handy & Cronise,
24 Nassau St.

December 1, 1882.

Confirmed

✓ New York City,
 Your offers for Philadelphia and New Orleans accepted.
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Telegram

J. & Th. Seligman & Co.
New York City,

December 1, 1882.

Confirmed

✓ Your offer received too late and is therefore declined.
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

December 1, 1882.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.

Telegram

Denver, Col.

✓ Your offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred ten and eighty seven hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Confirmed

Noratis C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

December 1, 1882.

J. B. Haggins,
San Francisco,

✓ Your offer declined. Received too late for consideration to-day.

Confirmed

Noratis C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

December 1, 1882.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans,

✓ Receive from Boston and Colorado Smelting Company forty five thousand ounces and from Norady & Brown one hundred and fifty thousand ounces, both at one hundred ten and eighty seven hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Confirmed

Noratis C. Burchard,
Director.

Messrs. Eimer & Amend,

December 1, 1882.

205 Third Avenue,

New York City,

Gentlemen:-

Please forward by freight - for the laboratory in connection with this office the following supplies

100 — 3 1/2 inch Scorpifiers

100 — 3

5 lbs Black Flux

5 " Lamp Black

1 Half-gallon Iron Retort for distilling mercury -
 and transmits receipted bills in duplicate.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury,

December 1, 1882,

Sir:-

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000-) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

December 1, 1882.

Sir:-

I have requested that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of One Million Silver Dollars and that the same be placed to your credit with Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia

December 1, 1882,

Sir:-

Requisition has this day been made upon the printer for Blank Mint Receipts - 2000 each of gold

and silver and for 4- Superintendent Order Books and as requested in your letters of the 23rd and 28th ult., the same will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully,

Horatio B. Burghard,
Director. ✓

Supt. U. S. Mint,

December 1, 1882.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of:-

Gold & Bronze — 300,000 ounces at \$1.1087

Very respectfully,

Horatio B. Burghard,
Director. ✓

Supt. U. S. Mint,

December 1, 1882.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Referring to your statement of the amount of silver bullion on hand at the close of business on the 29th ult., it would appear that you had included the balance of purchased silver, unpaid silver deposits and balance of uncurrent silver coins transferred to you for recoinage. This statement should include simply the balance of purchased silver on hand.

I will therefore thank you in future to simply state the amount of "purchased silver" on hand at the close of business on Wednesday of each week.

Very respectfully, Horatio B. Burghard, Director. ✓

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

December 1, 1882,

Sir:-

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$10,000 to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for smelting & refining bullion.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

December 1, 1882,

Sir:-

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary and Refinery Expense Accounts for the month ending October 31, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Aratis C. Burckard,
 Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco,

December 1, 1882.

Sir:-

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of December, 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$23,500.75 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1883	\$3,500.75
Wages of Workmen	1883	20,000.75

Very respectfully,

Aratis C. Burckard, Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York,

December 1, 1882,

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 25th ultimo, I have to say that requisition has been made upon the public printer for the blank forms asked for therein. The samples of "cards" and "bulletin blanks" are herewith-returned and authority is granted you to have the quantity needed printed in your city.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

December 1, 1882,

Sir:-

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Refinery Expense Account for the month ending October 31, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department,

December 1, 1882.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Refinery Expense Account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson for the month ending October 31, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department,

December 1, 1882.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith- for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refinery Expense Accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the month ending October 31, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Horatio L. Burchard,
Director.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office, December 1, 1882.
Boise City Idaho

Sir:-

Cf. S. No. 293 for \$124.⁰⁰ being on account of receipts for assaying ores, 3rd quarter, 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 21st ult., has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,
Horatio L. Burchard,
Director.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office, December 1, 1882.
Boise City, Idaho

Sir:-

Cf. S. No. 294 for \$557.⁶⁸ being on account of unexpended balance of appropriation for 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 20th ult. has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your ordinary accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the

appropriation for wages and contingent expenses, 1882,
Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office, December 1, 1882.
Boise City, Idaho

Sir:-

I return herewith for correction the account current of your supplemental account of ordinary expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1882.

The payments for erecting water tank and for washing tanks, will be approved, but the bill of E. Reinhardt & Co. for transportation of supplies, cannot be allowed in this account for the reason that the expense was incurred during the fiscal year 1880 and it is contrary to law to pay for an expense incurred in one fiscal year from the appropriation for another fiscal year.

You will please deduct the amount of this voucher \$11.37 from your account and deposit the balance in your hands \$12.38 in the Treasury and forward the certificate to this office with your corrected account current.

The bill of E. Reinhardt & Co., referred to, will be approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement payable from an appropriation to be hereafter obtained from Congress as provided in the Act of June 14, 1878.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

December 1, 1882,

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 28th ult. in relation to the Mint charges deducted at Philadelphia, on the shipments from your office actually transferred during the quarter ended September 30, 1882, I return herewith, for correction, your billion accounts for the quarter named, with instructions to make the change mentioned in your letter.

Of the Mint charges (\$391) have already been credited in your accounts, the proper amount for which you are entitled to take credit as charges "deducted at the Mint, would be \$74.87.

Please make necessary corrections and return accounts at your earliest convenience.

Hereafter you will please bear in mind that the amount to be entered in the accounts as charges deducted at the Mint during the quarter, will be the charges actually deducted at the Mint on the shipments transferred during the quarter.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans,

December 2, 1882,

One seven hundred and twenty five thousand silver dollars in December. You are authorized to work overtime if necessary.

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Telegram

Confirmed.

Telegram

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

December 2, 1882,

Coin five hundred thousand silver dollars in
December.Horatio L. Burchard,
Director.

Confirmed.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

December 2, 1882.

Sir:-

The following coins reserved during the month of
November at your mint for special assay and transmitted
to this office have been received, viz:

3 Half Eagles	_____	\$15.75
5 Standard Silver Dollars	_____	5.75
Total value	_____	\$21.50

Very respectfully,

Horatio L. Burchard,
Director.Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

December 2, 1882,

Sir:-

The number of standard silver dollars to be
coined by your Mint during the month of December,
is hereby fixed at 1,000,000 pieces.

Very respectfully,

Horatio L. Burchard,
Director.Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

December 2, 1882.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith an additional table of distances
from Philadelphia to enable you to make payments
for shipment of standard silver dollars to the towns

named therein.

Very respectfully,
Horatio L. Burchard,
Director. ✓

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

December 2, 1882.

Sir:-

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of December, 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$27,500.75 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1883	\$2,500.75
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Wages of Workmen	"	15,000.75
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Contingent Expenses	"	10,000.75
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with the request that it be made special.

Very respectfully,
Horatio L. Burchard,
Director. ✓

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

December 2, 1882.

Sir:-

As requested in your letter of the 1st instant, I have this day asked the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.75) from the appropriation contained in the act authorizing the coinage of the standard silver dollar, to assist in meeting the expenses of your mint during the current month, also that the advance be made special.

Very respectfully,
Horatio L. Burchard, ✓
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Barrow, Nev.

December 2, 1882.

Sir:-

✓ The number of standard silver dollars to be coined by your Mint during the month of December is hereby fixed at 100,000 pieces.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director. ✓

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

December 2, 1882.

Sir:-

✓ The number of standard silver dollars to be coined by your Mint during the month of December is hereby fixed at 725,000 pieces.

If necessary to coin this amount, you are authorized to employ additional force or work overtime as may in your judgment be deemed best.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director. ✓

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

December 2, 1882.

Sir:-

↓ I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of October, 1882 and forwarded for test as prescribed by the regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director. ✓

B. L. Underwood, Esq.

December 2, 1882.

Box 2624,

New York City,

Sir:-

I have received your letter of the 1st instant requesting certain information relative to changes in weight of the fractional silver coins.

In reply I transmit you by current mail a copy of the Director's report for 1878 on pp. 36-37 of which you will find the dates of the changes.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Joseph Winans Jr. Esq.

December 2, 1882.

Chief, Bureau of Statistics,

Sir:-

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo, enclosing tables for verification, I herewith return the same.

The total coinage for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1882, has been added, also the estimated production of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1881, which is the latest estimation made by this bureau.

I enclose a detailed table of coinage executed during the last fiscal year, and tables of the estimated circulation of the country July 1, 1881 and 1882, respectively, which I suggest would be appropriate to include in the abstracts.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Smithwick Guthrie, Esq.,

December 2, 1882,

Room #91- Corcoran Bldg,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have approvednd referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department, for examinationnd settlement, a bill of the Union Pacific R.R. Co. for the transportation of Mint supplies from Council Bluffs to Ogden in the month of May 1881, amounting to \$491.71.

also a bill of same company for transportation of Mint supplies in the month of June, 1881, from Council Bluffs to Ogden, amounting to \$20.10.

also a bill of same company for the transportation in the month of May, from Council Bluffs to Ogden, of Mint supplies amounting to \$13.48,

also a bill of same company for the transportation in the month of July 1881, from Council Bluffs to Ogden, of seven Boxes containing book-cases, wardrobend glass consigned to the Assay Office at Helena, Mont. amounting to \$93.33.

Very respectfully,

Horatio L. Burchard,
Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City,

December 2, 1882.

Sir:-

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of \$6000.00 to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "partingnd refining" bullion.

Very respectfully,

Horatio L. Burchard,
Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City,

December 2, 1882.

Sir:-

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of December, 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$6,000,- payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1883	\$3,300
Wages of Workmen	"	1,900
Contingent Expenses	"	800
		<u>\$6,000</u>

Very respectfully,

Horatio L. Burchard,
Director.

Assayer in charge,

U. S. Assay Office,

Boise City, Idaho,

December 2, 1882.

Sir:-

Ref. No. 292, for \$54.98, being on account of charges collected for melting, assaying and stamping, 3rd quarter, 1882, enclosed in your communication of the 23rd ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,

Horatio L. Burchard,
Director.

Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office,

Boise City, Idaho,

December 2, 1882.

Sir:-

Ref. No. 323 for \$122,- being on account of assays of ores for fiscal year 1882, enclosed in

your communication of the 23rd ult. has been received, properly endorsed ^{and} forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your accounts ^{and} the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Hon. Charles J. Folger,
Secretary of the Treasury,

December 2, 1882.

Sir:-

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Thirty ^{and} $\frac{93}{100}$ Dollars (\$30. $\frac{93}{100}$) in gold coin ^{and} Thirteen Cents (\$0.13) in silver coin making a total of Thirty One ^{and} $\frac{6}{100}$ Dollars (\$31. $\frac{6}{100}$) being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, for coinage as shown by memorandum, No. 1810, dated Nov. 27, 1882, of gold bullion deposited at said mint.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

December 2, 1882.

Sir:-

I return herewith samples of stationery included in your list of blank books ^{and} forms required for the use of your Mint during the coming year.

These articles must be required for the regular stationery requisition supplied by the Department.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard, Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

December 2, 1882.

Sir:-

I send you by to-day's mail the following blanks included in your list of Oct. 3rd viz:

✓ 100 - Bullion Production of Mines

✓ 700 - Coinage Statements

✓ 700 - Movements Standard Silver Dollars

6 - Calculation Blotters, in lieu of the six (6) computation books (No. 18 of your list) which I trust will serve your purpose equally well.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director. ✓

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco,

December 2, 1882.

Sir:-

✓ I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlements, a bill of the U. P. R. R. Co. for transportation, in the month of June 1881, of One Box of Ejectors from Council Bluffs to Ogden, consigned to your care amounting to \$18.31 payable from the appropriation for sorting and refining Bullion.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,

Director. ✓

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

December 2, 1882.

Sir:-

✓ I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlements, bill of the Union Pacific R. R. Co. for transportation in the month of May 1881,

of 1373 slabs of spelter ^{and} 20 casks of copper from Council Bluffs to Ogden, consigned to your care, amounting to \$491.70.

If this amount \$179.02 is to be paid from the appropriation contained in the first section of the Act authorizing the coinage of the standard silver dollar, passed February 28, 1878, ^{and} the remainder \$312.68 from the appropriation for parting ^{and} refining bullion.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard,
Director. ✓

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

December 2, 1882.

Sir:-

✓ I have approved ^{and} referred to the proper accounting officers of the department for examination ^{and} settlement, payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your Mill for the fiscal year 1881, bill of the Union Pacific R. R. Co. for transportation in the month of June, 1881, from Council Bluffs to Ogden of two barrels of Bone Ash, consigned to your care, amounting to \$1.79,

also a bill of the same company for transportation in the month of May, 1881, of one case of Stationery from Council Bluffs to Ogden, consigned to your care, amounting to \$13.48, payable from the appropriation named above,

also a bill of the same company for transportation in the month of July 1881, of seven boxes containing book cases, wardrobes ^{and} glass from Council Bluffs to Ogden, consigned to your care, amounting to \$93.33, payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your office for the fiscal year, 1882.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio L. Burchard,
 Director. ✓

Telegram

Supt. U. S. Mint,

December 4, 1882.

San Francisco, Cal.

✓ Forward with November accounts disbursements for collecting mining statistics to 1st instant. If additional advance is required immediately for that purpose, telegraph.

Confirmed

Horatio L. Burchard,

Director. ✓

Hon. Charles J. Folger,

December 4, 1882.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:-

✓ I have the honor to request that the Bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans be increased in the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) by a transfer of that amount in standard silver dollars and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,

Horatio L. Burchard,

Director. ✓

Assayer in charge,

December 4, 1882.

U. S. Assay Office,

Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:-

✓ Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of December, 1882, has been approved for the sum of \$398.³⁶, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year — viz:

Salaries	_____ 1883 _____	\$ <u>231.90</u>
Wages of Workmen	} _____ 1883 _____	<u>166.66</u>
Contingent Expenses		

Very respectfully,
 Horatio L. Burchard,
 Director. ✓

Chief Auditor, December 4, 1882,
 Treasury Department,

Sir:-

✓ I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the billion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, for the quarter ending September 30, 1882, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio L. Burchard
 Director. ✓

Southwick Guthrie, Esq. December 4, 1882.
 Room # 91 Concord Building,
 Washington, D.C.

✓ Sir:-

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the department for examination and settlement, bill of the Central Pacific R.R. Co., dated September 23, 1882, corrected and returned, in your letter of the 2nd instant, for transportation in the month of September, 1882, of Mr. Frederick Eckfeldt from Ogden to Reno, and from Reno to Winnemucca, amounting to \$56.75.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio L. Burchard,
 Director. ✓

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

December 4, 1882.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of October, 1882 and forwarded for tests as prescribed by the regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio L. Burchard,
 Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

December 4, 1882.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your bullion accounts, abstracts and vouchers for the quarter ending September 30, 1882.

Very respectfully,
 Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia,

December 4, 1882.

Sir:-

Referring to your abstract sheets-accompanying your bullion accounts for the quarter ended September 30, 1882, I will thank you to inform me how you arrive at the amount charged for alloy entered on the sheets.

The regulations provide (page 7) that the alloy charges shall be 2¢ per ounce Troy on the number of ounces of copper required to reduce the bullion to standard.

It would seem as if the proper method of arriving at the amount to be charged on fine gold deposits, would be to take $\frac{1}{10}$ of the standard weight of gold as the number of ounces of copper required and on other deposits containing both gold and silver, the same rule would apply with perhaps an allowance for the silver which may be left as alloy (or not allowed the depositor) under the regulations deducting $\frac{1}{99}$ of the standard ^{weight of gold as the} standard weight of silver left for alloy.

From an examination of your abstract, sheets it would appear that you have followed a different method and I will thank you to inform me what method you pursue in arriving at the amount to be charged as alloy on gold deposits and also whether you have received any instructions on the subject.

Your attention is invited to gold deposit receipt, No. 1184, made on the 8th day of August 1882, by Nagstoz & Thorpe, the alloy charge on which is entered on your sheets as one dollar.

I will thank you to inform me how you arrive at that amount.

Very respectfully,

Horatio L. Burchard,
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans,

December 4, 1882.

Sir:-

I have requested that the bullion fund of your Mint be increased by a transfer of 500,000 silver dollars and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,

Horatio L. Burchard, Director.

Supr. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

December 4, 1882.

Sir:-

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your bullion accounts for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1882, with my approval.

Very respectfully,

Horatio C. Burchard,
 Director.

Supr. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans,

December 4, 1882.

Sir:-

I return herewith your statement of earnings and expenditures for the quarter ended September 30, 1882.

Your attention is respectfully called to the enclosed memorandum, showing the amounts reported to this office from four different statements as charges collected at your institution during the quarter ended September 30, 1882.

You will perceive that the amounts called for by the monthly statements, \$o. 83 for July, August and September and the amounts called for by the statement of earnings and expenditures herewith returned, do not agree with each other, nor do they agree with the amounts called for by the abstract sheets of your bullion accounts or with the amounts deposited in the Treasury.

You will please correct the amount entered on this statement of earnings and expenditures as parting and refining charges from $\$77.22$ to $\$87.22$ and the amount entered as melting alloy and bar charges from $\$277.61$ to $\$267.61$ being the amounts called for by the abstract sheets of your bullion accounts and also by the certificates of deposit covering the charges into the Treasury.

Please return the enclosed statement with corrected one, so as to avoid the necessity of re-checking the other items.

Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Buschard,
Director.

New Orleans Mint, 3rd quarter, 1882

Charges deposited in the Treasury

As "parting and refining charges"	\$87. ²²
" Other than parting and refining charges	267. ⁶¹
	<u>354.⁸³</u>

Amounts called for by monthly statements #83

As "parting and refining charges"	\$87. ²²
" Other than "parting and refining charges"	270. ⁶⁹
	<u>354.⁸³</u>

Amounts called for by quarterly statements

#207 of "Earnings & Expenditures"

As "parting and refining charges"	\$77. ²²
" other than "parting and refining charges"	277. ⁶¹
	<u>354.⁸³</u>

Amounts called for by bullion accounts

As "parting and refining charges"	Davis - \$36. ⁶⁹
	Smith - 50. ⁵³
	<u>87.²²</u>
" other than parting and refining charges	Davis 148. ⁶³
	Smith 118. ⁹⁸
	<u>267.⁶¹</u>
	<u>\$ 354.⁸³</u>

E. Theaton Esq.

San Francisco, Cal }

December 5, 1882.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 24th of October last was laid before me upon my return to the office. I appreciate your courteous offer that the forms prepared by you for keeping the San Francisco Mint accounts may be used without

reserving copy-right- and I shall take pains to give
 you due credit- for whatever improvements upon the
 forms you have devised or put into practical use.

Very respectfully,

Horatio L. Burchard,
 Director.

